Widely Known African Leader Dies Suddenly

Daily World Wed. 12-12-56
Atlanta, Ga.

ENUGU, Eastern Nigeria—(ANP)—Mazi Mbonu Ojike, politician, economist and journalist, died here last Wednesday. Death was adjudged due to high blood pressure resulting in cerebral hemorrhage.

Ojike was well known in the United States as well as in West Africa and London, England.

He was educated in America being a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) the University of Illinois and Chicago University from which he took a master's degree in economics. He studied at Ohio State also.

An author, Ojike had written several books, the best known of which were "My Africa" and "I Have Two Countries."

While attending the University of Chicago he was a popular figure on the lecture platform throughout the midwest.

A follower of Nnamdi Azikiwe, the Premier of Eastern Nigeria and head of the powerful political party, the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons, Ojike had served as general manager of West African Pilot chain of papers, as deputy mayor of Lagos, as Minister of Works in Eastern Nigeria and as Minister of Finance for Eastern Nigeria. He resigned the latter post after a commission of inquiry earlier this year.

He leaves a widow and six children.

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE LOSES PROMISING YOUNG PROFESSOR

The entire Tuskegee family was saddened by the sudden death of Dr. Charles M. Ford, professor of Bacteriology and research associate of the Carver Foundation, on Saturday evening, December 15, at his home on Bibb Street.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Ford attended the public schools in that city and earned his B. S. and M. S. degrees at the University of Illinois. He later earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Wisconsin.

He came to Tuskegee Institute in 1944 as a teacher of bacteriology, prior to which time he served as a member of the faculties of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.; and Claflin University in South Carolina.

Dr. Ford was a trustee of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, a member of Phi Sigma Biological Society, a member of the Society of American Bacteriologists and the Sigma Xi Scientific Society.

Survivors are: his widow, Mrs. Carolyn Walcott Ford; two daughters, Ann Elizabeth, a Tuskegee Institute Freshman and Marian Frances, an eighth grade student at the St. Josephs Catholic School, Mrs. Ford's mother, Mrs. B. B. Walcott. Listed among other relatives are: aunts, Mrs. Garrison Jones, Lexington, Ky., Mrs. Daisy M. Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; uncles, Mr. Lafon Ford, Pasadena, Calif. and Mr. Robert H. Jones, Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 18, 2:00 p.m., at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Father H. J. C. Bowden officiating. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

The family of Dr. Ford requests that friends who planned floral offerings contribute instead to a Charles M. Ford Biology Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be made by check or cash to the Charles M. Ford Fund and sent to the Carver Foundation in care of Dr. J. H. M. Henderson.

Mrs. Spraggs dies suddenly in Washington

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Baltimore M.D.

WASHINGTON

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Mrs. Spraggs died at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday at Freedmen's Hospital due to a cerebral hemorrhage suffered at about midnight Tuesday at her home at 854 20th St., NE.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., she and her husband, William W. Spraggs, had made their home in the District for the past 15 years. She was 51.

PRIOR TO HER employment with the Democratic National Committee she was the Washington editor and later the Washington correspondent for a Chicago weekly.

Earlier, she was assistant personnel director of the National Youth Administration under the late Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

A graduate of Spelman College, she worked with the National Youth Administration in Alabama and came to Washington during the second Roosevelt administration.

An ardent Democrat, she served as a member of the Democratic Women's speakers' bureau during the final Roosevelt and Truman campaigns.

Several years ago Mrs. Spraggs visited Baltimore to head up a highly successful non-partisan register and vote campaign among colored residents of the city.

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DURING THE recent Presidential campaign, she travelled throughout the country speaking in behalf of the candidacy of Governor Stevenson and Senator Kefauver.

MRS. VENICE T. SPRAGGS

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Sat. 12-18-56

Montgomery, Ala.

FORD, Dr. Charles Marion, died Saturday. He was a professor of bacteriology and research associate at Carver Foundation, Tuskegee Institute, and a trustee of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, member of Phi Sigma Biological Society, and of the Society of the Sigma Xi. Dr. Ford, a native of Chicago, Ill., came to make his home at Tuskegee 12 years ago. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carolyn Walcott Ford; two daughters, Ann Elizabeth, freshman at Tuskegee Institute; and Marian Francis, eighth grade at St. Joseph School; aunts and uncles and other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held Turesday at 2 p.m. from St. Andrews Episcopal Church with Father H. J. C. Bowden officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, the Peoples Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Spraggs, Political Figure Dies In Washington

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Tribute To A Great Lady

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(From The Chicago Daily Defender)

The sudden and untimely death of Mrs. Venice T. Spraggs on Thanksgiving eve shocked the entire newspaper profession as well as the world of politics of which she was such an integral part.

Mrs. Spraiggs had just come out of the gruveling drive of the recent presidential campaign in which she had logged up more than 50,000 miles of intensive travelling and speaking on behalf of the Democratic Party.

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There was no doubt that she was exhausted physically and mentally. There was never a more indefatigable, loyal, and devoted worker than she.

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As assistant to Vice Chairman William L. Dawson of the Democaritc National Committee, her biggest job was to awaken people to the responsibility of registering and voting. She did so thorough a job that she became a familiar figure to rank and file people all over the country and an intimate friend to many famous people as well.

She could be aptly titled "Mrs. Democrat" for in this role, she became one of the most effective salesmen of the party. An impressive looking person, she was over six feet tall, with a commanding presence and the brains and know-how to go along with it.

As a newspaper woman—for 10 years, she headed the Chicago Defender Washington Bureau—she was just as able and intense as she was in any and everything the undertook. Up and down Capitol Hill, she would buttonhole legislators and "get the story." She inspired both awe and respect.

When she resigned from the Defender in 1950 to devote full time to her great love, politics, she had established a reputation for honesty and integrity and performed an unforgettable service for this newspaper.

To her, politics was people and nobody loved people anymore than she did; consequently, she would work around the clock(completely forgetting about time. President Paul Magloire of Haiti decorated her for her charitable work among the people of Haiti, and she was the recipient of many other honors; but none meant more to her than the satisfaction of seeing the names of thousands of Negroes on registration lists in the South as a result of her efforts.

A fitting epitah for her would be, "She helped her fellowman along the road to full citizenship." her death is a tragic loss to the Democratic Party, as well as the Negro people. Indeed, the party will be hard put to find someone to take her place.

It is impossible to measure the contribution she made toward lifting her people and making them aware of their political responsibilities.

We can only hope that the legacy she left will be used wisely to continue her good work. No one would be more pleased than she would to see the job carried forward.

Was Attending AMEZ Conference

Heart Attack Fatal to Minister

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Tragedy struck amid teeming crowds attending the AME Zion Church General Conference here when the Rev. Lee B. Blackledge of Mobile, Ala. was fatally stricken with a heart attack.

The Rev. Blackledge was the presiding elder of Alabama's Jackson District for the AME Zion Church. He had served in this capacity for 49 years and had preached for the last 60 years.

The deceased elder was 89 years of age. He succumbed in a Pittsburgh home where he had been staying during the conference. AMEZ Bishop H. Bell Shaw arranged for the body to be returned to Alabama.

Noted Alabama educator dies

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Miss Brunetta C. Hill was buried in Shadow Lawn Cemetery on Monday. Funeral services were held at First Congregational Church. The Rev. Harold D. Long officiated.

Miss Hill had taught school for 51 years before retiring. She was principal at the Graymont School upon retirement. The school was later given her name.

A member of First Congregational Church, Miss Hill was one of Birmingham's most outstanding and best known educators. She died at her home at 530 12th St.

Davenport and Harris were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Judge's Death In Montgomery Held "Undoubtedly" Suicide

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (INS) — Associate Justice James J. Mayfield of the Alabama Supreme Court died of his own fire Wednesday in Montgomery.

He was found lying in bed at the apartment where he lived alone. A pistol by his side prompted M. D. Kirkpatrick said it was "undoubtedly, unalterably suicide."

Mayfield, who taught law at the University of Alabama previously, was elected to fill an unexpired term on the court in 1954. Friends said he had worried in recent days about his campaign for re-election in the May 1 Democratic primary and about his health.

Mrs. Brunetta Castilyn Hill

Another educator has been removed by death from the ranks of local community builders. Mrs. Brunetta Castilyn Hill, retired city school principal for whom a school is named, died March 23.

In June of 1953 the Birmingham Board of Education honored her by changing the name of the forty-seven year old Graymont Elementary School to the "Brunetta C. Hill School." This was a unique tribute to Mrs. Hill who had served about 51 years in the field of public education in Birmingham. She retired in 1951 at the age of about seventy.

One can almost read the story of the development of the public school system in the life of Mrs. Hill who started as a teacher at the Cameron School in 1900. She served there fourteen years, moving on to the Avondale school in 1915, and serving as principal of this school for four years. She was principal of the West Acipcon School for twelve years. She assumed the principalship of Gramont in 1930.

It was at West Acipco that her fine work was first spotlighted. She built the school modernly and equipped it likewise. Classes in laundry, manual training, home economics and library were introduced for the first time in a Negro city elementary school.

Mrs. Hill was born in Meridian, Mississippi. She received her training in the Birmingham Public School System, at Fisk University and at Cheyney Institute. She had served as instructor at Miles College, Florida State University, Alabama State College and South Carolina State College. She was a Red Cross worker in World War I.

She was a member of the First Congregational Christian Church.

Such is but a sketch of the personal history of Mrs. Hill. She wrote her own life's story into the lives of those students who profited by the educational leadership she provided over the half-century she was active in the teaching profession.

Tuskegee Doctor Dies in New York

NEW YORK — Dr. Joseph A. Berry of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., died suddenly in a New York hotel room recently. He was in town to attend the graduation of his daughter from Bates College.

Dr. J. A. Berry dies suddenly

Dr. Joseph Berry—34 pt

NEW YORK — Dr. Joseph A. Berry, who had been a member of the board of directors of the NAACP since 1949, died here suddenly of a heart attack on June 13.

He had come to New York from his home in Tuskegee, Ala., for a meeting of the board on the day before his death.

Dr. Berry was formerly assistant surgeon-in-chief and roentgeneologist at Daly Hospital and Sanitarium in Chicago, and most recently had been on the staff of the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee.

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SHOCK AND regret at his sudden death was expressed by Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, and by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary.

In a telegraphed message to Mrs. Joseph A. Berry in Tuskegee, Dr. Tobias declared: "This is indeed a great shock to all of us."

Wilkins told Mrs. Berry that her husband "was a devoted and conscientious director of the association, working zealously for its objectives."

TUSKEGEE, —

THOMPSON, Deacon Fenley, employe of Tuskegee Institute, died Friday morning in a local hospital. Funeral was Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from Mt. Olive Baptist Church with the Rev. S. T. Martin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, the People's Funeral Home directing. Survivors include the widow Mrs. Dorothy Thompson; a daughter, Delores Thompson; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Garvin and Mrs. Bobbie Pickett, Dumas, Ark.; three brothers, Lucious Thompson, Mobile; Bennie Thompson, Detroit, Mich.; Jacob Thompson, Oakland, Calif.; other relatives.

Dr. J. A. Berry Buried In Minneapolis

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Dr. Joseph Alonzo Berry died suddenly June 13 in New York City while enroute to his home here. With his family he had attended the graduation of his oldest daughter, Constance, from Bates college at Lewiston, Maine.

Dr. Berry was a member of the surgical staff of Provident hospital in Chicago from 1926 to 1942. That same year, he joined the surgical staff of the Veterans hospital at Tuskegee. At the time of his death he was assistant chief of surgery.

The noted surgeon was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. He was a member of the national board of the NAACP.

Surviving are his widow, Ernestine Siggers Berry, two daughters, Constance and Joe Anne, and a son, Joseph, jr. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

AMPBELL, Thomas Monroe, a retired field agent, extension service USDA, died in Montgomery Wednesday morning. Funeral service has been set for Sunday, 3 p.m. from the Institute Chapel. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Anna A. Campbell, Tuskegee Institute; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hawkins, New York City; Mrs. Noel Mitchell, Tuskegee Institute; and Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, Pine Grove, Calif.; two sons, Dr. T. M. Campbell Jr. and Lt. Col. W. A. Campbell, U.S. Air Force, Tuskegee Institute; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Baldwin Farm; Mrs. Thelma Gilman, Hempstead, N.Y. The Peoples Funeral Home in charge.

A HIGHLIGHT in the colorful career of T. M. Campbell, who passed last week, came in 1947 when he was presented the Superior Service Award by former Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson during ceremonies on the Washington monument grounds. Mr. Campbell served the Department for 46 years as farm demonstration leader and field agent. — (USDA Photo)

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DR. GEORGE C. BRANCHE

DR. GEORGE C. BRANCHE, 60, director of Professional Services at the Tuskegee VA Hospital since 1946, died Monday, September 10 at the hospital.
Funeral services will be held at the VA hospital Wednesday ay 11 AM and burial will be made in the Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Va.
Was first employed at the Tuskegee VA Hospital on Nov. 8, 1923, and started his rise in 1927 when appointed as chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service.
He served in the U.S. Army from Feb. 1944 to May 1946 attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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Final Rites Held At Greenwood For Tuskegee Teacher

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — (ANP) — Funeral services were held here last week for Dr. Ernest A. Grant, long-time member of the agriculture faculty of Tuskegee institute, who died July 11 at the Veteran's Administration hospital. He was buried from Greenwood Baptist church July 15.

A native of Buford, S. C., Dr. Grant first joined the agriculture faculty at Tuskegee in 1921 and served until 1926. Following a period of advanced study elsewhere, he returned to the institute in February of 1931.

He earned his bachelor of science degree at Tuskegee and his masters and doctor of philosophy degree at Cornell university.

Surviving him are a son, Ernest; a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Grant Lee, and a foster-sister, Mrs. Geneva G. Simmons

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Waugh Principal Dies In Accident

WAUGH, Ala., March 4 — Tyler W. Carter was killed in an automobile accident on Sunday, Feb. 26. He was a native of this community and a veteran teacher in the public schools of Montgomery County.

At the time of his death he was principal of the McClurkin Elementary School. He had given more than 40 years of faithful service to the boys and girls of his community, it is reported. He was a member of the Montgomery County Teachers Assn., the ASTA, ATA and the NEA.

He is survived by a widow, a daughter, a son, two brothers and a sister.

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Prof. White Dies; Veteran Churchman

Prof. R. O. White, veteran educator and church layman, died suddenly, following a brief illness, at University Hospital around three o'clock Saturday morning, Oct. 27.

Close relatives said Mr. White appeared in good spirits when he arrived home late Friday evening, from his duties as principal of the Thomas Elementary School. He became suddenly ill later and was rushed to the hospital. He resided at 206 [illegible] 4th Avenue.

His widow, Mrs. Gregory [illegible] White, widely known musician and director of Music at Ullman High School, said that arrangements for final rites were pending, since the family was awaiting a reply from a son, Eugene A. White, who is currently in Spain and Europe touring with the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Wed. 10-31-56

Since receiving his A. B. degree at Miles College in 1931, Mr. White has taught at Miles College, Lincoln Elementary School, and Parker High School, where at the latter place he served as Boys Adviser. He became principal of Thomas School in 1952.

He earned his Master of Arts degree from Northwestern University. He did his academic studies at and was graduated from the old Industrial (now Parker) High School.

For more than twenty-five years, Mr. White served as superintendent of Sunday School at St. Mark's CME Church, Tittusville, of which the Rev. G. H. Yarbrough is pastor. Also, for many years, he has served as secretary for Triple Tau Lodge 104, Masons, F. and A.M., of Alabama. He also was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Immediate survivors include: the widow, Mrs. Gregory Durr White; two sons, Eugene A. White, now in Europe, and Roger White; and his mother, Mrs. Luna Davenport, of Birmingham.

Final 'rites were scheduled one day this week, with Smith and Gaston Funeral Directors in charge. Interment is set for Grace Hill Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mr. White will be held at 3:15 p. m. Wednesday, October 31 at Southside CME Church with the Rev. J. H. Yarborough officiating.

R. O. WHITE

Prominent Medic Buried

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Final rites for the late Dr. George Clayton Branche Sr., prominent neuropsychiatrist and medical administrator at the Veterans Administration Hospital here, were held at the Arlington National Cemetery Chapel, Fort Mayer, Va.

Dr. Branche, the son of the late Joel Branche and Hannah Shaw Branche, was born in Louisburg, N. C., Jan. 10, 1896.

Survivors include his widow, the former Lillian V. Davidson; a daughter, Mrs. Harold S. Bauduit, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; two sons, Dr. George C. Branche Jr., Richmond, Va., and Dr. Matthew D. Branche, Boston, Mass.; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Dallas Hawkins, Henderson, N. C., and four brothers, the Rev. Matthew Branche, Warsaw, N. C.; Lucius Branche, Middleboro, N. C.; Joel Branche Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, and William Branche, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Branche of Tuskegee dies

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Sat. 9-22-56

TUSKEGEE (ANP) — Dr. George C. Branche, chief of professional services at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital here and widely known for his work in psychiatry and neurology, died here Monday.

Dr. Branche had been intermittently ill for some time but in recent months had been attending his regular duties.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held Wednesday in the hospital recreation building so that patients in the hospital would have the opportunity to attend.

Dr. Branche had been connected with the institution since 1923. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

Survivors include Mrs. Branche, a daughter, two sons, four brothers and three grandchildren.

Joe E. Davis Passes Away

Joe E. Davis, 85-year-old proprietor of two barber shops died around 4:30 A. M. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at his home, 614 No. 5th Street.

Funeral services were set for 3 P. M. Friday, Oct. 26 at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Luke Beard, pastor, officiating. The body was scheduled to lie in state at the church from 12 P. M. until funeral time.

Sat. 10-27-56

He operated the Brown-Marx Barber Shop in the Brown-Marx Building and the Neighborhood Barber Shop in Smithfield. For more than 60 years he operated the downtown barber shop which attracted exclusively white patronage.

Mr. Davis was the first Negro to run a barber shop in Birmingham for a strictly white clientele. He listed among his patrons some of the most prominent families of the city. In some instances he served four generations.

Born in Columbus, Miss., he came to Birmingham at an early age. His membership is in the Sixteenth St. Baptist Church.

Close survivors include the widow Mrs. Maggie Davis; a son, Reuben Davis of Birmingham; four daughters, Mrs. Josie Jackson of New York, Mrs. Irene Woodruff of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Emma Bell of Atlanta, Ga. and Mrs. Maggie Gaillard of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

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Buried in Birmingham

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Hometown Eulogizes Mrs. Venice Spraggs

Sat. 12-8-56

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Mrs. Venice Tipton Spraggs, Birmingham-born veteran educator, newspaper woman and national political leader, was described as a person "commissioned by God" by Rev. Luke Beard, pastor, in his eight-minute eulogy at the noted Washington (D. C.) woman's funeral services at 16th St. Baptist Church.

Fifty-one-year-old Mrs. Spraggs died Nov. 21 in Washington, where she was assistant to U. S. Congressman William L. Dawson, vice chairman of the National Democratic Committee.

She played a key role for the Democrats in the recent national election, traveling over 15,000 miles during the campaign.

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Among condolences were wired messages from G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan, and Paul M. Butler, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, Washington.

Close survivors include the widower, William Spraggs; a mother, Mrs. John Williams, both of Washington; three aunts, Mrs. Sarah Chapman Williams, Mrs. Cephus Williams and Mrs. Louise Blunt; several cousins, Mrs. Mildred Tifton Riddle, Birmingham, Mrs. Minnie Williams, Detroit, Chapman Anderson, Los Angeles, Woodie Harris, Detroit, Mrs. Sadie Williams, Opelika, Ala.; Mrs. Bessie Gilmer, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mrs. Blanche Sharpley, Detroit, and Rev. W. T. Goff, Birmingham.

Interment was in Zion City Cemetery with Bradford Funeral Home in charge.

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ALABAMA

Ex-Tuskegee Business Agent, Teacher Claimed By Death

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TUSKEGEE, Ala., Feb. 6 (Special)—G. W. A. Johnston, retired business agent at Tuskegee Institute, died at his residence Sunday afternoon. He was the oldest kinsman of Dr. Booker T. Washington, being the son of Amanda and Benjamin Johnston, sister and brother-in-law to Dr. Washington and his brother, John.

He came to Tuskegee Institute in 1885, four years after it was founded. He was graduated in 1893 and worked for a short time as a teacher of English. He next served as cashier in Tuskegee Institute's first bank.

Following these early experiences, he served under the Hon. Joseph O. Thompson, collector of internal revenue, as state gauger.

He spent a total of 14 years in this service during which time he was married to Miss Edythe M. Kelly of Cincinnati. Their one daughter, Mrs. Edythe Johnston Clark, resides with her huband in the Institute community.

Following Dr. Washington's death in 1915, Mr. Johnston returned to the Institute to serve as assistant to the business agent, A. T. Attwell. He was later appointed to the position of business agent and served capably in this capacity until his retirement in 1941.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

He was active in the church and civic life of the community and had many friends throughout this area. He served as both steward and trustee of the Washington Chapel AME Church in Tuskegee from 1917 until ill health forced his retirement.

Funeral services will be held from Washington Chapel AME Church at 3 p.m. today. Burial will be in the Institute Chapel Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edythe M. Johnston; a daughter, Mrs. Edythe Johnston Clark; a brother, Benjamin H. Johnston, Montgomery, W.Va.; a sister, Clara J. Johnston, Institute, W.Va., and other relatives.

THOMAS M. CAMPBELL
Heart Attack Fatal

T. M. Campbell, Pioneer Farm Agent, Stricken

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —(ANP) — Thomas M. Campbell, one of America's most widely known agriculturists and an intimate friend of the late Dr. George Washington Carver, died here last Tuesday of a sudden illness. Death came one week before his 73rd birthday.

Campbell became the nation's first Negro extension agent in 1906, upon recommendation of Dr. Carver, then director of Tuskegee Institute's agricultural department.

FOR 7 YEARS until his retirement several years ago, Campbell worked as a field agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, helping to improve the standards of agriculture throughout the South.

Last Tuesday he was the featured speaker at a Boy Scout banquet in Montgomery, Ala. He took a room at a Montgomery hotel that night and, failing to appear for appointments the next morning, friends entered his room and found him dead of a heart attack.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held at the Tuskegee Institute Chapel last Sunday.

Campbell entered Tuskegee in 1897, one year after Carver had been engaged by Booker T. Washington to establish the school's agricultural department. A friendship between the two lasted nearly 46 years and was broken only by the noted scientist's death in 1943.

IT WAS DR. Carver who actually began the first extension work in the South, and so outstanding was this work that provision was made to include it as a part of the larger program of Tuskegee. In the summer of 1906, Dr. Carver turned over the extension work to Campbell who served under the school until 1914 when the government adopted the program.

In 1936, Campbell put down his experiences in the extension work field in a book, "The Movable School Goes to the Negro Farmer." In September, 1944, he was selected as one of a committee of three to make a survey of West Africa. Two years ago he was appointed a counsellor on the national staff of Boy Scout Movement. Awards and honors followed him through the years.

He is survived by his widow, Anna Ayers Campbell, and five children: Mrs. Virginia Collins of New York, prominent in nursing education; Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke of California, a medical technician; Dr. Thomas N. Campbell of Tuskegee, Ala., a resident physician at John A. Andrew hospital; Mrs. Neel Mitchell of Tuskegee, a nutritionist; and Col. William Campbell of the U. S. Air Force.

Tuskegee Institute's Farm Leader Dies After 47 Years Of Outstanding Service

T. M. Campbell, who headed the agricultural extension program at Tuskegee Institute for more than 47 years, died of a heart attack last week in Tuskegee.

He was retired in 1953 after spending 47 years in extension work. Campbell had continued working on a history of extension work in the South.

This history was sponsored by the Ford Foundation of New York City. He also found time for Negro youth work and died less than four hours after appearing on the program of the 15th annual recognition dinner of Tukabatchee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

WASHINGTON APPOINTEE

He was born in Bowman, Ga. Feb. 11, 1883. He came to Tuskegee Institute in 1899 and was graduated in 1906. He was appointed by Dr. Booker T. Washington and Dr. George Washington Carver to operate the "farm demonstration school on wheels."

This was a wagon fitted with improved farming implements to carry the gospel of better farming to the Negro farmers in or near Macon County.

This operation later became world famous as the "movable school." It was the forerunner of extension service. In 1906, Campbell was named first "local agent" in Macon County. In 1914, following passage of the Smith-Lever Act, his title was changed to county agent. He later headed extension work in Alabama. In October, 1918, he was appointed by the U.S. Department of Agricultural Extension Service as field agent for the lower South. He held the position until his retirement in 1953.

SERVED MUCH

During his life, he served on many commissions and was the subject of several national magazine articles.

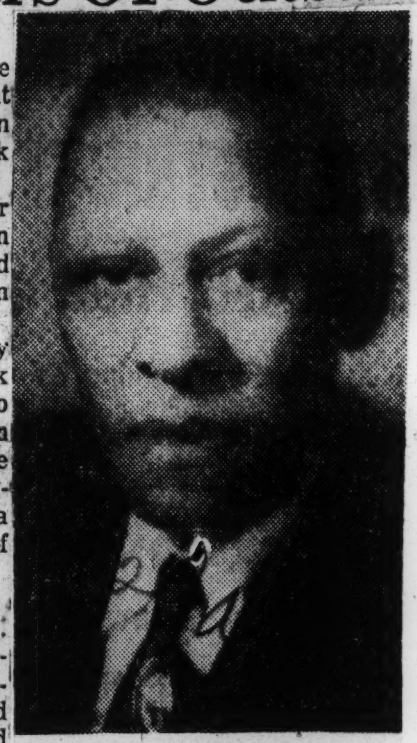
Campbell is the author of a book, "The Movable School Goes to the Negro Farmer." He received the Harmon Award in 1930 for distinguished service to farming and rural life.

In 1944 he was selected as one of a committee of three to make a survey of agricultural conditions in West Africa. He is co-author of a book, "Africa Advancing" which reports the committee's findings. He has been honored more than once for his loyal services to Tuskegee Institute, the South and the nation.

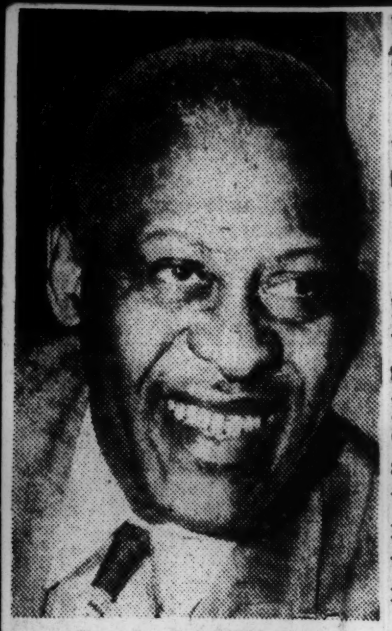
HONORARY DEGREE

One of the several honors he prized was an honorary master of science degree from Tuskegee Institute. As a speaker and writer he was widely sought. Many of his articles have appeared in farm journals and the daily press.

Campbell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna A. Campbell; three daughters, Virginia Hawkins, New York City, Mrs. Noel Mitchell, Tuskegee Institute, Elizabeth Clark, Pine Grove, Calif.; two sons, Dr. T. M. Campbell Jr., Tuskegee Institute and Lt. Col. W. A. Campbell, USAF, Tuskegee Institute, seven grandchildren, one sister, Pearl Johnson, Baldwin Farms, and a half-sister, Thelma Gilmore, New York City.



T. M. CAMPBELL
Farm Leader Dies



T. M. CAMPBELL
. . . Ag leader dies

T. M. Campbell, ag extension head, dies at Tuskegee

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BORN IN BOWMAN, Ga., he graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1906 and stayed to help Dr. Booker T. Washington and Dr. George Washington Carver operate the "Farm Demonstration Schools on Wheels," a wagon fitted with farm implements to carry the word of better farming to Macon County Negro farmers.

Since his retiremen Mr. Campbell has continued his work preparing a history of extension work in the South, a project sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

SURVIVORS include the widow, Mrs. Anna A. Campbell; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hawkins, New York, N. Y., Mrs. Noel Mitchel, Tuskegee Institute, and Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Pine Grove, Calif; two sons, Dr. T. M. Campbell Jr., Tuskegee Institute, W. A. Campbell, Tuskegee Institute; seven grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Baldwin Farms, Ala., and a half-sister, Mrs. Thelma Gilmore, New York. N. Y.

Funeral Service Held Sunday For T. M. Campbell

Funeral rites for T. M. Campbell, head of the Agricultural Extension program at Tuskegee Institute for nearly half a century, who died suddenly last Wednesday, were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Tuskegee Institute chapel. Hundreds of friends from many sections of the country were present to pay their last respects at the services.

Campbell was discovered dead in his bed at a Montgomery hotel after friends had gone to inquire when he did not keep an appointment. The Montgomery County coroner said he had been dead several hours.

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Surviving him are ,the widow three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hawkins, New York City; Mrs. Noel Mitchell, Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Pine Grove, Calif.; two sons, Dr. T. M. Campbell, Jr., Tuskegee Institute; Lt. Col. W. A. Campbell, USAF, seven grandchildren, one sister and one half sister.

Retired Tuskegee official dies

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — G, W. A. Johnston, retired Tuskegee Institute agent and relative of Booker T. Washington, died at his home, Saturday.

Johnston was the oldest living relative of Washington, founder of Tuskegee. He was the son of Amanda and Benjamin Johnston, sister and brother-in-law of Washington.

Johnston came to Tuskegee in 1885, four years after it was founded, and graduated in 1893.

T. M. CAMPBELL, who passed last week, is shown on the Washington Monument Grounds in 1947 letting part of his family have a look-see at the Superior Service Award citation he had just received from former Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson. Left to right are Mrs. Elizabeth C. Smith, a daughter; Mrs. Campbell; and Mrs. Virginia C. Hawkins, also a daughter. Mr. Campbell is survived by his widow, three daughters, and two sons. — (USDA Photo)

Dr. George Branche, Top Tuskegee Medic Passes

Dr. George C. Branche, 60, Director of Professional Services at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama, since 1946, died Monday morning at the hospital. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Funeral services were held at the VA Hospital on Wednesday, September 12 at 11 a. m. and burial will be in Arlington (Virginia) Cemetery, Friday, Sept. 14 at 3 p. m.

Dr. Branche was first employed at the VA Hospital at Tuskegee in November, 1923 and started his rise in 1927, when he was appointed as Director of Neuropsychiatric Service. He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi and the Phi Boule fraternities; a member of the Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church, Oxford, N. C. and a charter member of the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Tuskegee. In June 1955, he was ordained as an elder of this church.

Survivors included his wife, the former Miss Lillian V. Davidson; one daughter, Mrs. Harold S. Bauduit, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; two sons, Dr. George C. Branche Jr., Richmond, Va. and Dr. Matthew D. Branche, Boston, Mass.; three grandchildren; 1 sister, Mrs. Dallas Hawkins and four brothers, Rev. Matthew Branche, Lucius, Joel and William Branche.

MISS MOLLIE L. GOLDEN

Miss M.L. Golden,matron,Men's Dormitories for many years, died at her home,Sunday,March 4.1956. She served as treasurer of the local Tuskegee Alumni Assn., and was a graduate of both the HighSchool and College Departs. of Tuskegee Institute.

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Famed Farm Agents Dies At Tuskegee

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Farm Leader Found Dead In Hotel Room

Dr. T. M. Campbell, first Negro farm agent in the United States, who lived and worked at Tuskegee Institute, was found dead in a local hotel where he was registered, around 1 p.m. Wednesday. After having attended the 15th annual recognition Banquet for Boy Scout leaders in this area, which was held at Alabama State College, Tuesday night.

Dr. Campbell was one of the program's participants and shared the festivity, apparently in tip-top health and spirit. It was reported that even after the banquet he entertained through lively conversations at the hotel until approximately 1:25 a.m. Wednesday before retiring. His long delay in coming out to the lobby prompted friends and authorities to investigate, whereupon he was found dead.

His family resides at Tuskegee Institute.

Made Big Contribution to South

T. M. Campbell, 'Ag' Expert, Dies at 73 in Tuskegee Inst.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — T. M. Campbell, who for nearly a half century headed the agricultural extension program at Tuskegee Institute, succumbed last week to a heart attack.

Retired in 1953 after spending forty-seven years in extension work, Mr. Campbell had continued working, preparing a history of extension work in the South. This project was sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

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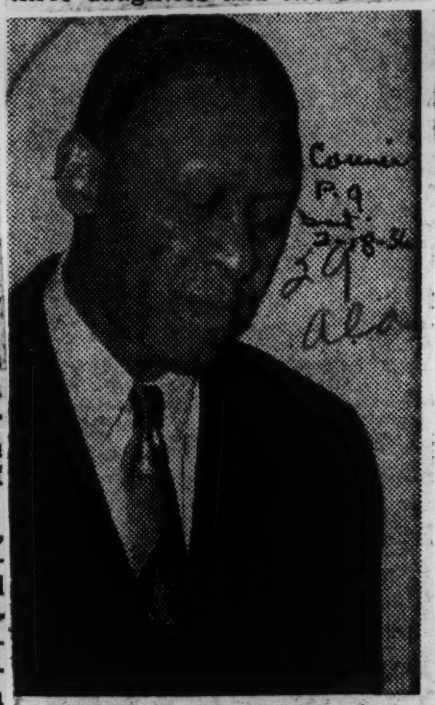

T. M. CAMPBELL
... made his contribution

LOVELESS FUNERAL HOME
W. R. YOUNG, Manager

CAMPBELL, Thomas Monroe, Tuskegee Institute, died suddenly while on a visit to Montgomery Wednesday. He was a retired field agent, U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Anna A. Campbell; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hawkins, New York City, Mrs. Noel Mitchell, Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark; two sons, Dr. T. M. Campbell, Tuskegee Institute, Lt. Col. William A. Campbell, sister, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Baldwin Farms. The body will be transferred to Tuskegee for burial. Loveless Funeral Home.

T. M. Campbell

Few Alabamians have done more for their people than did Tom Campbell for the Negro farmer in this state and the whole South. Dead at 73, Campbell leaves behind an enduring monument of half a century carrying the gospel of scientific agriculture and wise economic counsel. Buy land, Campbell preached to the impoverished Negro farmer, build homes, produce and eat wholesome foods, make your own way.

Fresh out of Tuskegee Institute in the early 1900's, Campbell was selected by the great Negro educators, Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver, as a "demonstrator". With his "Jesup Wagon", later called the Booker T. Washington School on Wheels, Campbell took agricultural education where it was most needed—to the poor farmer. His portable exhibits and life-size demonstrations meant the difference between relative prosperity and virtual starvation for untold thousands of farmers — first in Macon County, later throughout the South. Campbell's Jesup Wagon set the pattern for future developments in extension service education, which today is the backbone of modern agriculture in the South.

His uncommon talents did not go unrecognized. From his appointment as Farm Demonstration agent in 1906, the first Negro in the history of the Extension Service, Campbell was elevated to state agent, later district agent, and finally to field agent, a regional assignment with responsibility over eight Southern states. The honors, national and international, that came to him in his lifetime fill many pages. Among them, for instance, was his appointment as a member of a commission of delegates from North America, Great Britain and Ireland to study conditions in West Africa 1944-45.

He will be remembered as a great Alabamian and great American.

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Servant Of The Soil

Mr. T. M. Campbell, the retired farm extension worker, of Tuskegee, who died February 8, spent a life time assisting farmers in the improvement of soil, crops, living and conditions. In this he was a servant of the soil who invested his learning, which was vast, in the lives of those who lived on the farm.

Yet that was not all. He reflected a warm interest in all human problems and in so doing measured up to the standard of the genuine leader. He pioneered in farm extension work in Alabama, starting out upon his graduation in 1906 from Tuskegee Institute. He rose steadily, and in time became a regional and national figure.

Born in Bowman, Georgia, he enrolled at Tuskegee Institute during the height of Booker T. Washington, founder of this famous institution. Mr. Campbell had the boldness to experiment, the ability to teach scientific farming to those of scant formal training, and the tact to win over those who could have made the work difficult.

Wed. 2-22-56

At the time of his passing he was engaged in writing the history of the extension service. His death came suddenly in a Montgomery hotel where he had stayed while attending a meeting of the Boy Scouts of America. Hence he fell in the service of young Americans - the boys - for whom he gave so much of himself.

Atlanta Ga.

Among honors bestowed upon him was the Harmon Award in 1930 in connection with his distinguished contributions to farming and rural life. This was an appropirate recognition because the majority of the members of the Negro group lived on the farm. Life was challenging, education restricted, and voting denied, for most part. Such a setting needed a good man and any man working to relieve such conditions needed encouragement.

This is not to suggest-for to do so would not be entirely accurate-that Mr. Campbell went about directly campaigning for education and wider participation. He taught self-improvement, thrift, and the fundamentals of living and farming. Yet he himself believed in all of the tools of freedom and by example demonstrated what he might not have found the best opportunity to advocate openly. Therein the story lies.

When a leader himself is a symbol of full citizenship he can dramatize his message in ways more effective than the frailties of expression will permit.

New York Post

Tom Campbell's Fine Career Is Ended

In the last year of the 19th century, a Negro youth applied for admission to Tuskegee Institute. He had worked his way from rural Georgia to the place where he had heard a poor Negro might get an education. He had 15 cents left in his pocket. Would he like to study farming? the registrar asked, so the story goes. Well no, the lad replied, he guess he knew enough about farming; it was the only thing much he did know. "How about agriculture?" the registrar asked. "Well now, that sounds pretty good," the young student replied. And so, after all, he studied farming.

Born in Bowman, Ga.

There may not have been much money in his pocket, he may have been naive; but in his heart was a great thirst for learning, and a great desire to improve his own lot and that of his fellow Negroes. And so he studied and worked, aided by mental alertness, energy, enthusiasm and ambition.

Thomas M. Campbell died a few days ago. He was internationally honored. His record of service and achievements is long.

Wed. 2-22-56

In 1906, he became the first Negro farm agent. His office and workshop was a mule-drawn wagon he had fitted up to demonstrate improved farm life and farming methods. Today, Alabama has 72 Negro agricultural agents and their activities are directed from a modern 17-room brick office building. The South has 859 Negro farm agents.

Mr. Campbell became state supervisor of Negro farm agents in Alabama, another "first." Then he went on to head up the work in eight Southern states. He wrote magazine articles and books and worked on commissions to study agriculture here and abroad.

All his efforts were founded on the conviction that by helping the Negro to be a better farmer, he was contributing to the wellbeing of all the South. He believed in America, in rural America, the America that had given him, one of the poorest of the poor, a chance to study and to grow and to be an individual. He believed in work, and he continued to work after his compulsory retirement at the age of 70 three years ago. He died four hours after speaking at a Boy Scout area dinner.

Only in a narrow sense is Tom Campbell dead. The real Tom Campbell lives on in the work he did and in the life he lived. It was a fine work and a good life.

T. M. Campbell buried at Tuskegee

Afro-American P. 7

Baltimore, Md.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —T. M. Campbell, an agricultural expert, who won national recognition during World War II because his two sons and daughter rose to officers in the armed forces, was buried here Sunday.

His wife, Mrs. Anna Campbell, was cited by the AFRO as the "Mother of Alabama" last year.

Mrs. Campbell served 19 years as an extension agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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HE WAS the first colored extension agent to be employed by the department. Immediately after graduation from Tuskegee Instutute in 1906 he became a field agent.

He began at a salary of $70 a month plus a $1 a year Federal funds to provide franking privileges.

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DURING NOVEMBER, 1947, Mr. Campbell was given the Superior Service Award for "outstanding extension work among colored farm people."

The presentation was made by then Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson during an elaborate ceremony on the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington, D. C.

A protege of the late Dr. he lae Dr. ca MZ MFWKK George Washingon Carver, Mr. Campbell carried on his farm education program about the Jessup Wagon, a school on wheels designed by Dr. Carver.

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HE WAS a familiar figure among the farmers of Alabama as he distributed improved seed products and conducted demonstrations of better farming practices.

He wrote a book, "The Movable School Goes to the Negro Farmer."

In 1930 he received the Harmon Award for service in the field of farming and rural life.

Selected as one of a committee of three to make a survey of West Africa in Sept., 1944, he remained in Africa and England until April, 1945.

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HIS SON, Lt. Col. William A. Campbell was a war ace during World War II with the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

Other survivors included his widow, Mrs. Anna Campbell; three daughters, Mrs. Addie Campbell Mitchell, a captain of the WAC's during World War II; Mrs. Emily Campbell Hawkins, a registered nurse employed as a supervisor of operating services at Delafield Memorial Hospital in NYC; and Miss Rose Campbell, a physical therapist at the regional VA Center at Gary, Ind.

Another son, Dr. T. M. Campbell, chief pediatrician at the Tuskegee Institute Hospital, served as an officer in the medical corps.

DR. T. M. CAMPBELL
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

CLARK, George, Box 418. Funeral services will be held Monday, 2 p.m. the church to be announced. McKenzie's Funeral Home in charge. Survivors, a brother, Ruffin Piper of Louisiana. He was a member of Washington Chapel AME Church, past master of Silver Trowel Lodge No. 10 of F&AM of Alabama; past commander of Knights Templars. A 33rd Degree Mason; Grand High Priest of Royal Arch; Past Patron of Nirella Chapter No. 150; retired Assistant Post Master of Tuskegee Institute and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4545.

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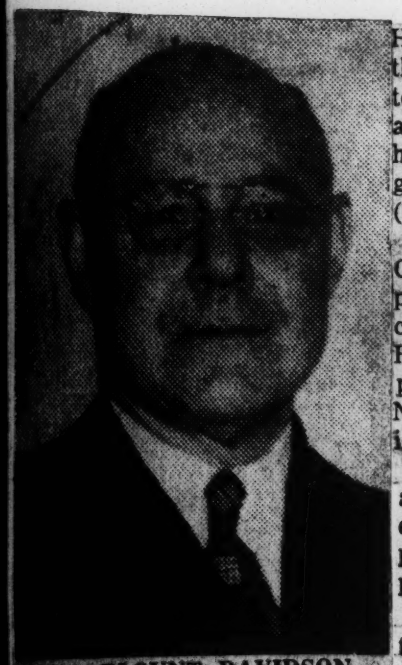


DR. BLOUNT DAVIDSON
Dies At Work

Death Claims Dr. Davidson At Age Of 69

Dr. Blount E. Davidson, one of the South's most widely known religious leaders, died at his Montgomery home at 3 a.m. yesterday from a heart attack. He was 69.

Davidson was missionary superintendent of the Montgomery Baptist Assn.

He died while working on a volume of the history of the Alabama Baptist Convention. He had been working from 3 a.m. until nightfall every day to complete the history.

At the same time, Davidson was planning a campaign to raise $3,000,000 for a Baptist hospital in Montgomery.

As head of the missionary work of the Baptist association here for 10 years, he had increased by one-third the number of Baptist churches in Montgomery. He organized 13 churches while head of the association.

DIRECTED PURCHASE

Davidson was editor and publisher of the Baptist Informant. He directed the organization of the Alabama Baptist Negro Center in Montgomery, and for this achievement, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Selma University (Negro).

A member of the First Baptist Church, Davidson aided in expanding that church until it became the largest in Montgomery. He negotiated and directed the purchase of property for the Normandale Baptist Church which is now under construction.

He negotiated the purchase of a huge tract of land on the Southern Bypass for the site of the proposed $3,000,000 Baptist hospital.

Davidson, an experienced realtor, developed one of Montgomery's beautiful subdivisions, Truett Manor. He planned the subdivision so that all profits from the land would go to the Ridgecrest Baptist Church which he planned and organized.

This unique subdivision plan resulted in a huge site for the church and funds for partial construction. The lots, which were sold at a price slightly above costs, have increased five times in value.

As a public speaker, Davidson had addressed all types of religious meetings, from the prison chapel at Kilby and Draper to small country churches in remote parts of Alabama.

AIDED SERICEMEN

A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, Davidson worked with several military groups aiding soldiers and airmen with their private problems.

He was born in Montgomery Dec. 16, 1886, and educated at Starke University, Oklahoma Baptist University and William Jewell College, Missouri.

After a period in the real estate and insurance business, he entered the ministry in 1911. He served as a pastor until he entered the army as a chaplain in World War I. He later was Baptist Young Peoples Union secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, pastor of churches in Forrest City, Ark., and Chaffet, Mo., associational worker in Missouri and Louisiana. He reentered the Army as a chaplain in 1939.

He returned to Montgomery in 1945 and began his work with the Montgomery Baptist Assn. He had served as secretary and president of the Montgomery Ministerial Assn.

Survivors include the widow, the mother, Mrs. W. B. Davidson, Montgomery; three brothers, W. B. Davidson, Arlington, Va.; Joe Davidson, Albany, Ga. and Henry Davidson, Washington, D. C.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Ward; one daughter, Mrs. H. W. Lee, Danville, Va. and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be announced by Memory Chapel.

BRANCHE, Dr. George C.) died at the Veterans Hospital Monday. Funeral will be held from the Recreation Building, Veterans Hospital, under the supervision of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the VA chaplain officiating. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C., McKenzie's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lillian Branche; one daughter, Mrs. Martie E. Barnett, Scott AF Base, Ill.; two sons, Dr. George C. Branche Jr., Richmond, Va.; Dr. Matthew D. Branche, Boston, Mass.; three grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Dallas A. Hawkins, Henderson, N.C.; four brothers, the Rev. Matthew Branche, Warsaw, N.C., Joel Branche, Cleveland Ohio, William Branche, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lucious Branche, Middleburg, N.C. Dr. Branche was Chief of Professional Services at the Veterans Hospital for 33 years. The body will lie in state at the Recreation Building from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour.

Final Rites Held For Dr. Branche

Dr. George C. Branche, 60, director of Professional Services at the Tuskegee VA Hospital since 1946, died Monday morning at the hospital. He had been in failing health the past year.

Funeral services will be held at the VA Hospital Wednesday at 11 a.m. and burial will be made in the Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Dr. Branche, the son of the late Joel Branche and Hanna Shaw Branche, was born in Louisburg, N. C., Jan. 10, 1896. He did his pre-medical work at Lincoln University (Pa.), graduating in 1917. He was also a graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass. His four-month period of internship was served at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital. At the Tuskegee VA Hospital, as a junior officer, he rotated in general medicine, neuropsychiatry and tuberculosis during the first 18 months of his assignment.

He served in the U. S. Army from Feb., 1944 to May, 1946, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Newswoman Venice T. Spraggs Dies

By ETHEL L. PAYNE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Final rites were held here Tuesday at the Bradford Funeral Home for Mrs. Venice T. Spraggs, 51, who died suddenly in Washington, on Nov. 21.

An assistant to Cong. William L. Dawson, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee and former chief of the Washington Bureau of the Chicago Defender, Mrs. Spraggs was striken as she was making preparations for Thanksgiving dinner with her husband, William, and her mother, Mrs. Barbara Tipton, who resided with them.

A severe coughing spell from a cold from which she had been suffering brought on a cerebral hemorrhage doctors said. She was rushed to Freedmen's hospital, but never regained consciousness.

CAMPAIGN WORKER

Mrs. Spraggs had worked intermittently in various campaigns for the Democrats in 1948, 1950 and 1952. Prior to this she had worked for 10 years as Washington Correspondent for the Defender and for four years as assistant personnel director of the National Youth Administration.

She was appointed assistant to Cong. Dawson in 1953, dealing with program and public relations and with voter registration. She was credited for the phenomenal increase in registration of Negro voters in Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and other parts of the South.

In Louisiana, the registration increased in a single year from 50,000 to 150,000. In addition to this, she was an indefatigable worker and speaker and, at one time or the other, she touched practically every state in the union.

WIDELY KNOWN

She was widely known and respected by top political leaders all over the country and counted among her close personal friends, Gov. and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and Mrs. India Edwards, former vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee and former President Harry Truman.

While she headed the Defender Washington Bureau, Mrs. Spraggs made a special project of charitable work in Haiti as a gesture of international good will. For her efforts on this behalf, President Paul Magloire decorated her with the highest honor of the Haitian government, the Order of Honor and Merit in 1951.

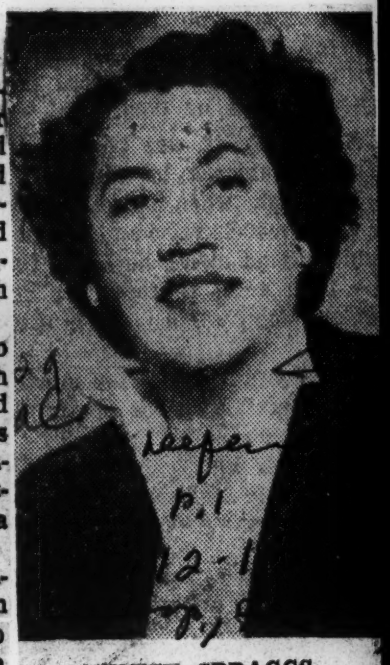
1ST NEGRO WINNER

She was the recipient of many other awards among them, election to Theta Sigma Phi, the national honorary and professional fraternity for women in journalism in 1947, the first Negro to be so honored.

The Women's Civic clubs of Alexandria, Va., gave her their special award for political contribution in 1948. A graduate of Spellman, her alma mater honored her in June, 1950, with a Certificate of Merit.

She was a life member of the National Council of Negro Women who named her to their honor roll in 1947.

Memorial services were held Sunday in Washington at the McGuire Funeral Home before the body was shipped to Birmingham, her native home, for burial. Immediate survivors are her husband and mother and relatives in Birmingham.



VENICE SPRAGGS

Mrs. Venice Tifton Spraggs

Daily World P 28

(From The Birmingham World)

At this writing we do not know the circumstances of the passing of Mrs. Venice Tifton Spraggs, the "first lady of voter-registration promotion". She was Birmingham's gift to politics. She moved swiftly from a social figure to a powerful political figure in her own right. Thurs. 11-29-56

Always her heart was in Birmingham and the group with which she was identified. As she went up the stairs of political success, she took others by the hand and pulled them up. She seldom mentioned publicly her achievements but dwelled upon her mission and her work. She believed passionately in political action as the group's best uplift tool. Atlanta Ga.

Mrs. Spraggs was born in Birmingham. She went through the local public schools and then went off to Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She taught school in her hometown and at her alma mater, served as playground director, and headed up a section of the NYA in Alabama. From the Alabama NYA office she went to Washington, serving under the late Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune. When NYA disbanded, she became a newspaper reporter.

She was the first woman to head the Washington Bureau of the Chicago Defender. One regards heading a Washington news bureau as the reporter's apex in American journalism. As reporter, she was fearless and competent, holding her own among the best reporters in the profession. How the Defender ever allowed her to leave its staff is something to this day we would like to know. For journalism needed the kind of reporting Mrs. Spraggs was doing.

Mrs. Spraggs became active in politics in 1944 and later became assistant to Congressman William L. Dawson, vice-chairman of the National Democratic Committee. She worked hard, fought tenaciously, and became her party' specialist in voter-registration. She believed deeply in the principles of the national level of the Democratic Party.

Although she moved to Washington, Mrs. Spraggs retained a devoted interest in Birmingham. She wanted to see Birmingham move forward and worked her heart out toward that end whe nshe came back home to conduct a voter-registration drive last summer.

Our group has suffered a tremendous loss in the untimely death of Mrs. Spraggs who was just reaching her peak. She did more than any other woman we know during her times to show her group the importance of voting. In this work of voter-registration she placed her services beyond party consideration. Perhaps she felt that her very work was the best method of selling her party. This, however, we do not know. All we know she always made it plain that only the voter had worth to any party during an election.

But with her, party benefits were not her main concern when she worked in Birmingham for voter-registration. She saw the ballot as the means of every person having a tool to help himself and to help his group move out of the mire of second-rate citizenship. Although needed by her party in other sections, she came back to her hometown to help stimulate interest in the ballot.

Birmingham owes a heavy and unpayable debt to Mrs. Venice Tifton Spraggs.

National GRAPEVINE

Requiem For Venice

The last time I saw her, giving them hell, at a Democratic Women's luncheon in Washington this October, is the way I want to remember her. She stood before the audience, impeccably dressed as usual, an impressive figure of a woman. Over six feet tall, she was not only physically commanding, but she had the brains and wit to go with it.

Said she in the voice that did not need a microphone, "I have not been to Europe or the Middle East. I've been staying at home in these United States, going up and down the highways and the byways, and the pig trails, if you please, carrying the message because that is where the votes are." P 2 Chicago

The meaning behind those words should be carved in the marble of her tombstone, because this is what she lived, believed in, worked for and died for — "the right to vote."

Almost single-handedly she was responsible for the amazing record registration of Negro voters in Louisiana, Alabama, Texas and all parts of the South.

Working around the clock from parish to parish, she preached the gospel of political and economic salvation through voting. For her, it was ironic that many of the voters she rounded up voted Republican in the last election.

This fact probably contributed to her death from heartbreak as well as overwork, for she was a loyal Democrat in every fibre of her being. Nevertheless, the GOP and Democrats alike, owe a vote of thanks to her for making the Negro politically mature and conscious of his power.

They only made one Venice Spraggs. She used to write this column and she used to beat the bushes on Capitol Hill as a working newswoman there for the Chicago Defender, before she joined the staff of the Democratic National Committee. She left a giant pair of shoes to fill even before her untimely death. Nobody can take her place, but there is enough of the vibrant spirit of Venice to hand down the line as inspiration for generations to come and each of us should be the better for it.

S. S. Taylor Passes; Buried Wednesday

State Press Fri. 5-25-56

Little Rock Ark.

Final rites for Samuel S. Taylor, revered and esteem educator and associate editor of the State Press, were held Wednesday afternoon at White Memorial church.

Reverend Mr. Taylor passed Thursday evening at the VA hospital, on Roosevelt road, where he had been confined since April 24. Services were conducted by Reverend Edwin C. Sanders and interment in National cemetery with Ruffin and Jarrett funeral directors in charge.

Reverend Samuel S. Taylor was born November 21, 1886 at Cincinatti, Ohio. The son of Rev. Marshall W. and Mrs. Catherine Hestor Taylor. He received his early scholastic training in the public schools of Indianapolis, Indiana, later matriculating at DePauw University, Green Castle, Indiana, and Straight University of New Orleans, Louisiana, where he received a master's degree in education. He was the first supervisor of Negro Public schools at New Orleans for which the school board gave him a fellowship to study at Columbia University, New York, where he received his second master's degree. He returned to New Orleans, where he was assigned inter-racial work over the state of Louisiana, sponsored by the YMCA.

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It was in this capacity he met and married Miss Exie Carter, daughter of Rev. Monroe Carter of Shreveport, La. To this union five children, twin sons and three daughters, were born.

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In 1920 he entered the ministry, and was ordained elder under Bishop Clair, later receiving ministerial license for the Methodist church. His latest charge was at Lonoke, Arkansas. His educational career included Dunbar Junior high, education department of Philander Smith college, registrar and dean of Shorter college. He was currently associate editor of the State Press.

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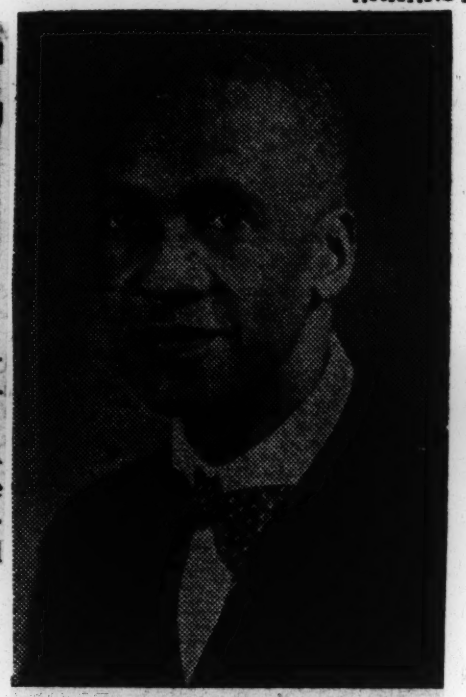
Survivors beside his widow are two sons, Marshall W. Taylor of Seattle, Washington, and Monroe C. Taylor, Berkeley, California; three daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Beatty, Seattle; Mrs. Jessie-Katherine Wilson, Berkeley; and Mrs. Felisa Jane Fountain, Seattle; eleven grandchildren: Pamela and Phyllis Beatty; Marcia Yvonne Taylor, Seattle; Judith Karthenia, Rebecca Jane, Exie Yvonne, Lynn Katherine and David Samuel Wilson, Berkeley; Hugh Eldredge Fountain, Seattle; Marie Antonette and James Monroe Carter Taylor, jr., Berkeley.

One sister, Mrs. Lillian T. Rivers, Little Rock; one brother, Roscoe C. Taylor, Chicago; two nephews, Samuel C. and Eugene Rivers, Boston, Mass.



Mr. Taylor

Bishop Hall Is Buried

Courier
Sat. 1-14-56

LOS ANGELES — A capacity congregation of friends, lay ministers and Bishops attended the funeral of Bishop Ollie V. Hall, who was pastor of the Church of the Living God and chief Bishop of the Brotherhood of Churches of the Living God.

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Bishop A. M. Harrel presided with members of the executive board assisting.

Bishop Hall formerly was of Chicago.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bishops participating included Hal McCoy, J. B. Minor, J. C. Collins, F. C. Scott, J. Crunes, L. M. Musgrove, B. Bryant, T. C. Townsville and Bishops Marbly and Owens.

Ray M. Guild, 67, NAACP Leader

Examiner
San Francisco, Calif.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Feb. 16 (AP).—Ray M. Guild, 67, former president of the Boston chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died in Marin General Hospital here Tuesday.

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Mr. Guild, who had a long and distinguished legal career in Massachusetts, had lived in retirement for several years in nearby Corte Madera.

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At one time he was assistant attorney general of Massachusetts and also was prominent in the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Guild of Corte Madera; two daughters, Mrs. Lorna Johnson of San Francisco and Mrs. Jacqueline Lloyd of Boston, and one son, Ray W. Guild, jr., of San Francisco.

Dr. Stovall eulogized as "gentle, kind, modest" as community pays final tribute

Sentinel
Los Angeles, Calif.
Fri. 2-24-56

By Tribune Staff Writer

With such words as "gentle", "kind", "modest" echoing in all the funeral orations, a genuinely sorrowful Los Angeles paid a last tribute Wednesday to one of its most beloved citizens, tall, gentle, kind, and modest Dr. Leonard Stovall, whose death on Saturday at Good Samaritan hospital greatly deprived the community.

A relentless fighter through three-quarters of his practice against the great killer of Negroes, and other depressed groups, tuberculosis, turning when it appeared that battle was won to another great problem of society, care of the aged, Dr. Stovall, with the objectivity of his calling, knew his days were relatively few.

His heart was not strong, and had forced him to halt his activities several times; yet, as the funeral orations extolled him, he kept on at the pursuits for which the community knew him best — serving others.

He was at his death, the initiator of the Fairmont Gardens Senior Citizens Home and Clinic for the Aged, a "last dream" which was becoming a reality with its scheduling to open with a month.

He had been for more than 25 years, the founder-president of the Outdoor Life and Health ass'n., a non-profit, non-sectarian welfare organization which operated a 50-bed sanitorium for the tubercular under Dr. Stovall's leadership at Duarte until the need for such care of the tubercular decreased with the discovery of the wonder drugs.

Even before the OLHA, residents of the Eastside knew Dr. Stovall well, as the operator of the 28th st. Health Center, or Stovall clinic, where he gave low-cost medical care to all who applied.

Native of Atlanta, Ga., veteran of World War I, Dr. Stovall had lived in Los Angeles 60 of his 68 year. He was graduated from Los Feliz grammar school and Hollywood high school when it was unheard of to have Negroes at either, and he was the first Negro to receive a medical degree from the University of California.

He was also the first member of his race to become a member of the staff of the General hospital and the first Negro member of the House of Delegates of the California Medical Society.

One of the greatest joys of his life was the fact that his daughter, Yolande, followed in his footsteps as the first Negro woman to interne at the General hospital, and that she later joined him in practise, a pleasure equalled by the fact that his son, Gerald, is soon to complete his training in medicine at Howard university.

Funeral services were held from Hamilton Methodist church, where Dr. Stovall was a member, and whose Volunteer club on Jan. 21 cited him.

In his eulogy, the pastor, the Rev. John N. Doggett, told a story characteristic of Dr. Stovall's attitude. In answer to a friend who had asked him with reference to the Fairmont Gardens project, if he wasn't "a little too old to undertake so big an enterprise," he answered, "Well, I just want to get it started, and I know others will carry it on. The Lord has been good to me. To think that my devoted parents gave me an education in medicine, that my daughter is practising with me, and my son almost finished medicine school. It seems too good to be true.

"I might not have many more years, but I am thankful for all that has come.

"Herein is a spirit," said the Rev. Doggett, "of one who has always thought of others."

In his obituary, Dr. John A. Somerville, a member of Xi Boule, of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, to which Dr. Stovall belonged 33 years, said:

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"He was gentle and kind . . . and revered by all. He loved music, flowers and poetry, and from his busy life, he took time to cultivate these attributes of the soul.

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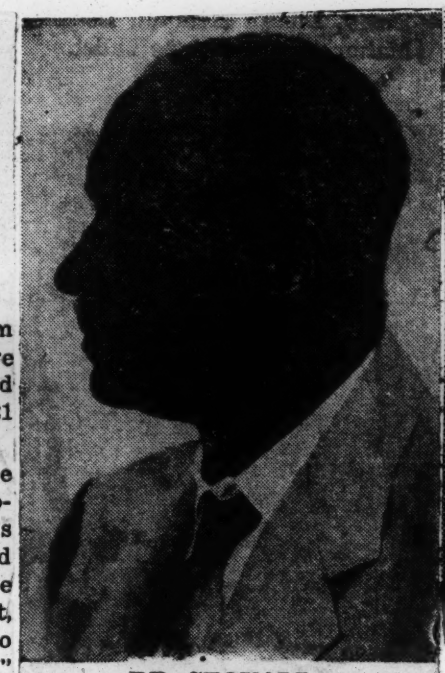
"He loved people, little people, as well as great people, and for them, he labored to the end, even though he knew that his strength was failing fast, but as Macauley said of Horatius at the Bridge, 'How can man die more nobly . . . than facing fearful odds. . . . ?

"Leonard's good deeds for humanity will live forever because his life was devoted to the things that are eternal. . . .

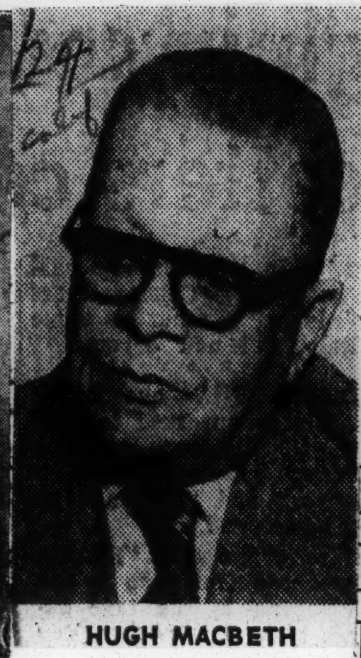


DR. STOVALL

Addressing himself to the late leader's wife and family, Dr. Somerville said, "Your husband and father has left you a great heritage of which you can be proud. You can rejoice that each of you contributed to this heritage. He often remarked . . . that his children met and fulfilled every expectation he had for them, and this made him very happy."

Survivors, in addition to the son, daughter, and wife, include a brother, William, three sisters, Carrie B., Mary E., and Corinne; and two grandchildren.

Coincidentally, his death followed the death on Thursday night of his son's wife's father, Paul Jones, of E. 125th st.



HUGH MACBETH

local politics and, being militant and outspoken, was constantly at the forefront in the fight against racial prejudice.

One of Macbeth's most memorable law cases was against jim crow at Hollywood Legion Boxing Stadium. Associated with Jerry Geisler, white attorney, he proved that colored boxers had always been barred solely because of their race.

Cause of Macbeth's death was thought to have been complications from what appeared to be ptomaine poisoning and not from a heart attack as was at first thought.

Los Angeles attorney Hugh Macbeth succumbs

Pro-American
Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 11-3-56

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Hundreds of local mourners paid tribute to Hugh Macbeth, attorney, who was buried at Rosedale Cemetery last week. He died following a brief illness.

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A native of Charleston, S.C., and graduate of Fisk and Harvard law schools, Macbeth had practiced here ever since he passed the California Bar in 1915.

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He is survived by his widow, Edna, a son, Hugh Macbeth Jr., attorney, who as his associate is still operating the offices in Los Angeles; a brother, Kenneth, and two sisters.

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MR. MACBETH was one of the first colored lawyers to open an office in downtown Los Angeles. He attracted white as well as colored clients.

Four years ago, he was a delegate to the Democratic Convention in Chicago. He was a vigorous campaigner in

Death Claims Historian Hughes at 84

Post + Times Herald
Washington, D.C.
Mon. 9-10-56

Noted Author Dies at Home In California

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9 (AP) Rupert Hughes, author-historian and an uncle of multi-millionaire Howard Hughes, died at his home today. He was 84.

Mr. Hughes had suffered a stroke three years ago and had been in poor health the last year and a half.

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He often called himself a literary jack-of-all-trades—and it was an apt description. Besides thousands of words of fiction, he was noted as a top music critic, a poet, a successful Broadway playwright and one of the most prolific of Hollywood screen writers.

Atty. Hugh Macbeth, Noted Coast "Internationalist," Is Mourned After Sudden Death

LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—Hundreds of local mourners paid tribute to Atty. Hugh Macbeth, who was buried at Rosedale cemetery last week. He died following a brief illness.

A native of Charleston, S. C., and graduate of Fisk and Harvard Law schools, Macbeth had practiced here ever since he passed the California state bar in 1913.

He is survived by his widow, Edna, a son, Atty. Hugh Macbeth Jr., who as his associate is still operating the offices in Los Angeles; a brother, Kenneth; and two sisters.

Macbeth was one of the first Negro lawyers to open an office in down town Los Angeles. He attracted white as well as colored clients.

Four years ago, he was a delegate to the Democratic convention in Chicago. He was a vigorous campaigner in local politics, and being militant and outspoken was constantly at the forefront in the fight against prejudice.

Up until Liberia's "New Deal" under the Firestone Rubber Co. arrangement, Macbeth had served for many years as a "Liberian Counsul," in Los Angeles.

For many years he had also bitterly attacked British rule over India, and had hopefully looked forward to its independence that finally came during the last decade. He was deeply interested in the struggles of the laboring class during Mexico's unsettled days, and had founded a colony for Negro farmers just below the border in the Mexicall district.

One of Macbeth's most memorable law cases was against Jim Crow at Hollywood Legion Boxing Stadium.

Associated with the celebrated white lawyer Jerry Geisler, he proved that Negro boxers had always been barred solely because of their race.

Jazz Pianist, Art Tatum, Dies In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6 (AP)—Art Tatum, 46, recognized as one of the great jazz pianists of all time, died yesterday.

He entered a hospital Monday night and died of uremic poisoning a few hours later.

Despite blindness in one eye and slight vision in the other, Tatum gained a fabulous reputation among jazz lovers for his delicacy and lightness of touch and novel improvisations.

Tatum, a Negro, took up study of the violin when 13 years old in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio. He soon turned to the piano and made his first professional appearance on radio station WSPD, Toledo. He went to New York in 1932 and made his first record as accompanist for Adelaide Hall. His first piano solo was recorded in 1933.

His style won him many awards, including the Esquire Poll Gold Award in 1944, Silver Award in 1945, Metronome Poll in 1945 and Downbeat Critics Poll in 1954.

Art Tatum Jazz Pianist Dies At 45

LOS ANGELES.—(INS)—Art Tatum, recognized by many as the world's top jazz pianist, died at Queen of Angels hospital in Los Angeles Monday. He was 46 years old.

He was admitted to the hospital Sunday night suffering from uremia

Tatum, a native of Toledo, Ohio, was born blind in one eye and had only slight vision in the other.

He began studying the violin at the age of 13, but gave it up soon and turned to the piano. His unusual style won him widespread recognition as king of the jazz keyboard by the time he was out of his teens. He had recorded for many labels.

He returned home two weeks ago when he became ill on a concert tour.

Survivors include his widow, Geraldine, who was his second wife, and a son in the army in Germany.

Dr. Foster, physician here 30 years, dies

Members of the medical profession joined the family of the late Dr. Anthony A. Foster this week in mourning his death last Friday morning after an illness of several days.

Dr. Foster, who had practiced medicine on the Eastside some 30 years and was a former president of the local Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Ass'n., suffered a stroke several days ago.

According to reports, his condition was not known, owing to the fact that he lived alone, and it was not discovered until a clinic on whose staff he served, called his home at 1919 W. 37th st., and getting no response, sent a representative to call, and found the physician unconscious. He never regained consciousness.

Native of Texas, graduate of Meharry Medical college, Dr. Foster was identified for close to 20 years with Venereal Disease control of the City Health Department. Several Health Dept. physicians served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers at the funeral Monday at Angelus Funeral Home.

Drs. W. Burlin Humphrey and A. L. Wallace, friends of his of long standing, served as honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Elsie Foster, of 2117 W. 28th st., the physician's former wife, took charge of the funeral arrangements. A daughter, Mrs. Wesleen Williams, 3624 S. Arlington, for a brief time a member of the Dunham Dance troupe, also survives.

At his death, Dr. Foster practised at 1105 E. Vernon, to which he had moved after long location in the Blodgett Building at 2510 S. Central.

Death Strikes Art Tatum, Piano Great

LOS ANGELES — (ANP)—Rites were held here Saturday for Art Tatum, one of the true wonders of the musical world and master of piano jazz, who died last Monday in Los Angeles, stricken with uremia. He was 46.

Tatum's death was a blow to the entertainment world, taking away from it a man who has been acclaimed as the "daddy" of all jazz pianists.

Tatum became ill while on a concert tour and entered Queen of Angels hospital in Los Angeles last Sunday night. His death the following day climaxed a fabulous musical career that started when Art was in his teens.

Blind in one eye and with only slight vision in the other, Tatum started his musical aspirations by playing the violin. At the age of 13, he switched to the piano.

Reached Fame at 22

By the time he was 22, he was considered to be one of the foremost exponents of jazz.

Tatum was born in Toledo, Ohio, in October of 1910. After switching to the piano at an early age and while still in his teens, Art landed a job on a Toledo radio station and through that medium managed to double into night clubs.

In 1932, he made his jump to New York, as accompanist to the celebrated singer Adelaide Hall, with whom he made his first recordings. The following year, he cut his first solos, which found an eager market among musicians (nobody else was buying records at that time).

By the mid-thirties, Tatum was a living legend and London welcomed him warmly in 1938. During most of the 1940's, Art worked with a trio, including guitar and bass.

Vision Was No Handicap

Tatum's visionary shortcomings never proved to be a handicap to him in his piano playing. In his early days in Chicago, he conducted jazz sessions in which he was the pivot of a musical maelstrom.

A critic once wrote of Tatum: "his touch frequently was of superlative beauty and the pearly clarity of his runs was wonderful to hear. He was no piano thumper, as many of his colleagues are. Nor must there be left unmentioned the skill with which he brought forth varied color from a too often unresponsive keyboard."

Among tatum's fans in the jazz world include a bevy of very important and great musicians such as Oscar Peterson, Bud Powell, and Billy Taylor. In the world of classical music, avid admirers of Tatum are Godowsky, Herowitz, Rochmaninoff and Rubinstein.

37 pastors of mixed faiths join for Rev. Williams' rites

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 8-11
Sat. 8-2-56

WASHINGTON

"Every man must come before the bar of public opinion and be judged. I do not think Robert would shrink before such a test."

The Rev. D. M. Pleasant, pastor, was speaking as 37 ministers joined together Thursday, to participate in funeral services for the Rev. Robert Moten Williams, district superintendent of the Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

Services were held at 1 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, where the Rev. Mr. Williams was pastor for 24 years. Burial was at Lincoln Memorial cemetery.

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THE BODY lay in state from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday. It was viewed by approximately 2,500 persons.

The main address was given by the Rev. Mr. Pleasants, pastor of Simpson Memorial Church. The Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain, U.S. Senate, was among other dignitaries who spoke.

"It was a source of pride to me that when he needed a friend I was there," the Rev. Mr. Pleasant stated.

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FIFTEEN pastors addressed the crowd of 2,000 inside the gray stone church at 11th and K St., NW. Twenty-two ministers served at active or honorary pallbearers.

The Rev. Mr. Williams died of throat cancer at Freedmen's Hospital last Sunday. He was 60 years old. His death came the day after he marked his birthday and his 19th wedding anniversary.

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HAILED as a great leader, organizer and civic worker, the Rev. Mr. Williams had been District Superintendent little over a year. He reluctantly gave up his duties at Asbury to accept the promotion in May, 1955.

Flowers from friends and relatives flanked the rostrum during the rites. Mrs. Lydia Williams, his widow, said hundreds of telegrams of condolences were sent.

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NUMBERED among his friends was the U.S. Senate's chaplain. "I knew him 25 years," the Rev. Mr. Harris said. "I regarded him highly. He was a Christian leader and a power in the community."

Ill for some time, the Rev. Mr. Williams outwardly appeared to be in good health. Stricken two weeks ago by a heart attack, he was hospitalized at Freedmen's, but returned home after several days.

Last Saturday night, his condition grew worse. He was again taken to Freedmen's. He died at 5:18 the following morning as he talked hopefully to his wife of recovery.

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ALTHOUGH the Rev. Mr. Williams became a controversial figure during the past two years, his critics as well as his friends praised his accomplishments.

Heartbreak came a year ago when he was removed from Asbury to fill the Superintendent's post after dissension developed among the church membership.

REV. R. M. WILLIAMS

FINALLY accepting the move as inevitable, he relinquished his duties as pastor. Shortly thereafter, he philosophized in the "Asburyan", the church organ:

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in diversion, charity; in all things, Christ first."

Despite his spoken philosophy, many expressed the belief that his removal speeded the decline of his health.

"Although medical reports state his passing due to cancer, there are some of us among his friends, who believe his so-called promotion broke his great heart," the Rev. Smallwood E. Williams, pastor, Bibleway Church, observed.

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FOLLOWING his promotion, another controversy developed over the church parsonage at 3801 South Dakota Ave., NW, where he wished to continue residing.

The widely publicized dispute flared bitterly when the former Asbury pastor purchased with Methodist funds a home at 1710 Varnum St., NW, rather than reside in a less pretentious house already provided for District Superintendents.

The Rev. Mrs. Williams won the fight. The former trustees of the District lost an attempt to prove that the new trustees did not have the power to authorize purchase of the new home.

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WHATEVER dissension came about in later months, the Rev. Mr. Williams was known as "pastor of Asbury." Under his leadership, the church became known around the world as "the Gibralter of Methodism."

He is credited with raising the membership from 1800 when he took charge in 1931 to some 4,450 two decades later. Close to $40,000 in improvements was spent and the debt cleared during his first few years at the church.

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IN 1943, under his direction, a community house for social service work was bought and furnished for $14,300 at 3209 Georgia Ave., NW. Eight years later, the project was expanded to erection of an $85,000 center at 10th and L Sts., NW, in the heart of the city's juvenile delinquency.

The center provided trained workers and recreational activities for neighborhood children in an area where social welfare agencies are limited.

In housing, he effected the purchase of the $200,000 Roydon Apartment House at 1619 R St., NW, for unrestricted occupancy. He hoped this venture would bring added income to the church and provide an interracial experiment.

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HE ORGANIZED the first Junior Church in Washington; founded the "Quiet Hour", a service similar to Novenna; established a credit union at the church, said to be the only one of its kind in the District;

Founded the Wesley Foundation at Howard University, the first to be instituted on the campus of any non-white college and organized at least two dozen other clubs and organizations in the church.

It was largely through his efforts that Constitution Hall was obtained by the Washington Annual Conference in May, 1950, the first colored group to gain its use.

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HE WAS a great traveller. A member of the World Study Tours in 1946 and '47, he visited nine countries. In 1949, he went to Austria, Hungary and Germany.

Selected in 1951 as a delegate by the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction, he represented that region at the Ecumenical Conference in London, Eng.

While there, he was guest pastor at several churches, including London's largest Methodist Church, pastored by the Rev. W. E. Sangster.

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LISTED IN Who's Who in the South and Southwest, he was formerly president of the Gulfside Minister's Conference, president of the Ministers Conference sponsored by Hampton Institute, president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance of Washington and Vicinity and a member of the Uniting Conference.

A native of Galveston, Tex., he attended Wiley College at Marshall, Tex.; Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa; Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; and Union Theological Seminary, New York.

His post graduate work was at Northwestern University. He held honorary doctorate degrees from Wiley College and Gammon Theological Seminary.

Dr. Williams served churches in Richmond, Va., Parkersburgh, W. Va., and the North Iowa Conference, coming to Asbury church from the latter in 1931.

Robert B. Defrantz, ex-Y worker, buried

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 10-20-56

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Defrantz, a native of Topeka, Kan., entered the service of the YMCA in 1905 and served continuously until his retirement in 1950.

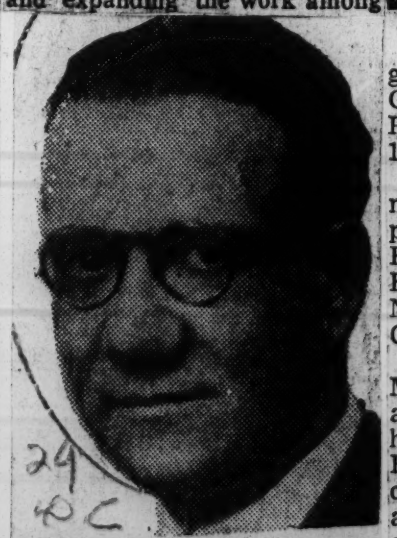
He helped organize and build the Pasco Branch YMCA in Kansas City, Mo., serving there until 1917. In that year, the beginning of World War I, he was assigned to the Des Moines Officers Training Camp.

After this duty he joined the staff of the National Council of the YMCA. In this capacity he covered the country, concentrating largely on the development and expanding the work among colored men and boys.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Adelaide E. Horron; three brothers F. E. DeFrantz, also a retired YMCA secretary (Indianapolis), John M. and Dennis H. DeFrantz, and four grandchildren.

DR. DeFRANTZ, who held law degrees from Howard and Fordham Universities, played a large part in the organization and conduct of the many financial campaign directed toward the establishment of colored branches of the YMCA.

During the years since his retirement, he has made his home in Washington, living with his wife Mrs. Etta B. DeFrantz at 3649 Warder St., NW.



ROBERT B. DEFRANTZ
Retired YMCA Executive

Alexander S. Pope Sr.

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Alexander S. Pope Sr., a Washington mortician since 1924, died Thursday at Providence Hospital after suffering a stroke a week ago at his home, 1701 C st. se.

Mr. Pope

Mr. Pope operated a mortuary at 414 15th st. se.

A native of Columbia, S. C., he attended Allen University there and later graduated from the Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia. He came here in 1928.

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Mr. Pope was a charter member, founder and past president of the Independent Funeral Directors Association. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Cyprian's Church, 1246 C st. se.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Pope, and a son, Alexander S. Pope Jr., both of the home address; his mother, Julia E. Pope; a sister, Beatrice Gayden; a brother, Hassie Pope, all of 1331 Wallach pl. nw., and another brother, T. M. Pope of Chicago.

Funeral Today For J. C. Smith Univ. President

Funeral services for Dr. Hardy Liston, Sr., president of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C. will be conducted at 2 P. M. Tuesday, according to word received here. He died Saturday, following a short illness at the age of 67.

He had been in the teaching profession since graduating from Johnson C. Smith in 1911. The school was then known as the Biddle university.

Dr. Liston had taught at Spartanburgh, S. C., where he later become a principal; Kittrell College in North Carolina; Winston-Salem State Teachers college in N. C. and Knoxville College in Tennessee.

He was a member of the Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro schools, Alpha Phi Alpha, Beta Kappa Chi and Alpha Kappa Mu fraternities; and a Presbyterian church. He had also authored several books.

A native of Fairfield County, S. C. he and his wife, Estelle Hoskins, were the parents of six children.

Robert DeFrantz, YMCA Leader Dies

WASHINGTON, — (ANP) — Robert B. DeFrantz, retired YMCA executive, died here last week.

Mr. DeFrantz, 74, a native of Topeka, Kansas, entered the service of the YMCA in 1905 and served continuously until his retirement in 1950.

He helped organize and build the Paseo Branch YMCA in Kansas City, Mo., serving there until 1917. In that year, the beginning of World War I, After this duty he joined the staff of the National Council of the YMCA. In this capacity he covered the country, concentrating largely on the development and expansion of the work among colored men and boys.

Dr. DeFrantz, who held law degrees from Howard and Fordham Universities, played a large part in the organization and conduct of the many financial campaigns directed toward the establishment, he has made his home in Washington, D. C., living with his wife Mrs. Etta B. DeFrantz at 3649 Warder Street, N. W.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Adelaide E. Herron; three brothers F. E. DeFrantz, also a retired YMCA secretary (Indianapolis), John M. and Dennis H. DeFrantz and four grandchildren.

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D. C. Dentist Dies at Sea

WASHINGTON D. C. (NNPA)—Dr. Roscoe F. Lee, a dentist, died at sea while returning with his wife, Eloise, from a Mediterranean cruise, according to reports reaching here Sunday.

The U. S. Lines ship United States carrying the body of Dr. Lee was due to arrive in New York at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee sailed from Southampton on July 25. They had visited Italy, Austria, France and Switzerland.

In addition to his widow, Dr. Lee is survived by a daughter, Frances Camille.

Dr Lee was a member of the Washington Alumni chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

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SUCCUMBED SUNDAY—The Rev. Robert M. Williams, for 25 years pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Washington, and a candidate for the bishopric, died at his home in Washington, Sunday morning. He was district superintendent of the Washington conference at the time of his death.

Rev. Williams Buried in D. C.

WASHINGTON—Funeral services were held at Asbury Methodist Church for the Rev. Robert H. Williams, for 24 years pastor of the church, who died at his home, 1710 Varnum St., after an extended illness.

Dr. Williams was serving his second year as superintendent of the Washington District of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church.

HE IS SURVIVED by his widow, Mrs. Lydia Williams; three sons by a former marriage, Dr. Emerson Williams, a physician of Fort Bliss, Tex.; Dr. Robert M. Williams Jr., a dentist of Washington, and Willis C. Williams, clerk at Freedman's Hospital here. A sister, Mrs. Lillian Forrest, of Los Angeles, also survives.

Over 2,000 persons crowded Asbury Church for the funeral rites.

Paper Publishes Article On Death Of Late Bishop Phillips' Oldest Daughter

Issue p. ? Tri. 4-13-56

THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, official organ of the CME church, pubished in it March 15 issue an article on the death of a noted woman, who was well known in Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn.

She was Mrs. Lady Emma Phillips Conway, daughter of the late CME Bishop C. H. Phillips, also a well known former Nashvillian.

The article was as follws:

"The funeral obsequies of Mrs. Lady Emma Phillips Conway, 1339 Keany Street, Washington, D. C., oldest daughter of the late CME prelate, Bishop C. H. Phillips, were held Thursday, February 9, at Israel CME church, New Jersey.

"Mrs. Conway died February 6 at the District General Hospital following a two weeks illness. She was born February 8, 1886 in Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. D. A. Bell, the pastor delivered the eulogy.

"The late Mrs. Conway was an active member of the Dett Choral Society, the National Negro Opera company. She studied at Fisk University and gave valuable support to the Fisk Alumni Association.

"She was active in social, civic and religious affairs of the District of Columbia and was well known as a vocalist, humanitarian and a general promoter of peace, good will, and cooperation between all racial groups in the city and neighboring areas.

"She was a graduate of Waldon University and took a special course in voice and piano in Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio, and at that time was the only colored singer, in the well-known Oberlin Choir.

"Floral tributes were many and varied. Telegrams, messages and cards of sympathy came from all over the nation.

Nashville, Tenn.

She is survived by her husband, Charles A. Conway, a retired Army veteran and government employee, after 42 years service; and five children, Phillips Charles Conway, Washington, letter carrier; Faith Beatrice Conway, Salisbury, Md., a teacher; Mrs. Edna Ferguson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Suellis Muse, Arlington, Va., teacher; Pvt. Jasper Phillips Conway, and nine grandchildren.

Other survivor are brother, Dr. Jasper Tappan Phillips, St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Lottie B. James and Lucy Stewart, St. Louis and Mrs. L. Nancy Stokes, Wilberforce, Ohio.

W. Goines, Afro-American physician, dies in D.C.

P. 19 Sat. 4-21-56 Baltimore, Md.

WASHINGTON

Dr. William C. Goines, 60, a veteran of 30 years' medical practice in Washington, died last Thursday of a heart ailment.

For the two weeks preceding his death, he had been a patient at Mount Alto Hospital.

A Washington native, he was a graduate of M Street High School (now Dunbar). After graduating from the School of Pharmacy in Valparaiso, Ind., he taught at the Howard University Pharmacy School and operated his own drug store.

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HE THEN entered the Howard University Medical School and was graduated in 1930. He was an Army lieutenant in World War I and served with the Selective Service System in World War II.

Dr. Goines first headed the examination board of the system at Freedmen's Hospital and later became chief of the Army Induction Board at Ft. Myer.

He was the president of his medical class at Howard and was a former president of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Washington

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DR. GOINES was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Masons and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Goines. Funeral services were set for Monday at the Lincoln Congregational Temple. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

Thomas Heathman Dies; Educator, Drama Coach

Post + Times Herald P. 22 Mon. 4-9-56

Requiem mass for Thomas A. Heathman, 70, educator here for nearly half a century, will be celebrated at 9 a. m. today at St. Martin's Catholic Church, 1900 N. Capitol. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Heathman

Mr. Heathman taught 6th grade during many of the 44 years he was in the public school system. He was principal of the Francis Junior High School, 24th and N st. nw., for 16 years. He also taught mathematics in night school.

Washington

He retired in 1948 from Anthony Bowen Elementary School, following which he coached dramatics at Banneker Community Center. D. C.

Mr. Heathman died Wednesday of a throat tumor. He lived at 2028 4th st. nw.

Mr. Heathman played the piano and often gave public recitals of verse. One of his favorites was "Crossing the Bar," by Tennyson.

He sponsored and directed plays, sings, and entertainments in community centers, churches and in his schools.

Mr. Heathman was graduated from Miner Normal School here in 1903. He studied at Columbia University and Morgan College, Baltimore, and took his A. B. degree from Howard University in 1942.

He was a member of the Oldest Inhabitants, Inc., and a charter member of St. Cyprian's Catholic Church, 12th and D sts. se.

His wife, the former Katie Richardson of Washington, survives him.

Veteran dentist Afro-American dies in District

Sat. 4-21-56

WASHINGTON

William O. Claytor, a dentist for 44 years, died last Wednesday after a long illness. He retired from practice in 1951.

Baltimore, Md.

A native of Roanoke, Va., he was graduated from the dental school at Howard University in 1916. He was formerly president of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society in Washington and the National Dental Society.

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HE SERVED for 25 years as chairman of the committee of management of the 12th Street YMCA.

He is survived by two sons, William W. S. Claytor, Howard University instructor, and John Claytor, New York; nine brothers and sisters. He was a widower.

Ella M. Gibson

Post + Times Herald Wed. 4-25-56 P. 10 Washington, D.C.

Funeral services for Ella M. Gibson, 80, long active in church and community affairs here, will be held at 11 a. m. today at the Second Baptist Church, 816 3d st. nw., with burial in Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. Gibson

Mrs. Gibson, who lived at 4248 Lane pl. ne., died Monday at Freedmen's Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel Gibson, veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I.

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Active in the Second Baptist Church for 60 years, she was a member of the choir for 50. She also was a member of the Deacons' Auxiliary and the Nursing Aide Unit and the Mount Bethel Baptist Association.

Her other affiliations included: The World War I Widows, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Army and Navy Union and the auxiliary of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

Born in Montgomery County, she lived here most of her life. She is survived by her foster children, Willard Gibson, now serving aboard a merchant ship; Wilbur Ruffin, Alexandria, Va.; Agnes Ricks, 1617 4th st. nw., and Maurice Schumarker, Bath, N. Y.

H. Brodis, Messenger For Judges

Post + Times Herald Wed. 4-25-56

Henry Brodis, who served for 43 years as a messenger for three judges at the District Court here, died Monday night at St. Elizabeths Hospital.

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Mr. Brodis, a familiar figure around the District Court, had retired in 1955. He had been ill about a month and was transferred Monday to St. Elizabeths from D. C. General Hospital.

Mr. Brodis

Coming to the District Court in 1912, Mr. Brodis first served as messenger to the late Chief Justice Walter I. McCoy of the old District Supreme Court, later the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He subsequently served under the late Judge Jesse Adkins, and since 1946 had been messenger to Federal Judge Richmond B. Keech.

Mr. Brodis spoke often of the incident which led to his career at the District Court. He had been a porter in the bar of Dennis Mullany, then at 14th and E st. nw. One day he mistakenly filled the water cooler with gin. Henry wasn't fired, but he left his tavern job shortly afterward.

Born in New York, Mr. Brodis was was known to be in his 70s but no one knew how old he was. He lived at 320 8th st. nw.

He was a member of the Elks, and was for a number of years chairman of the order's committee which annually sent ice cream, cake and tobacco to the inmates of Blue Plains.

Mr. Brodis' wife died 11 years ago and he was childless. He is survived by a sister, Alice Thompson, 2016 2d st. nw.

Mrs. Mitchell, Taught Here For 22 Years

Post + Times Herald P. 2-B Sun. 6-3-56

Washington, D.C.

Beatrice Patten Mitchell, 68, retired District School teacher, suffered a fatal heart attack Wednesday at her home, 1615 Upshur st. nw., after a Memorial Day visit to her husband's grave.

Mrs. Mitchell

The widow of Jesse H. Mitchell, founder and former president of the Industrial Bank of Washington, 11th and U sts. nw., she taught for 22 years until her retirement in 1950.

Mrs. Mitchell held a bachelor of science degree from Howard University and attended the School of Pharmacy there. She was a graduate of M Street High School, now Dunbar, and Minor Normal School. The patten family moved to Washington from their Evergreen, Texas, home when Mrs. Mitchell was a child.

Active in many civic and social organizations, Mrs. Mitchell belonged to the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, the ladies' auxiliary of the Mu-So-Lit Club, the East Rock Creek Neighborhood League and the Minor College Alumni Club.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosina M. Hayes of the Upshur st. address; a son, B. Doyle Mitchell who succeeded his father as president of the Industrial Bank, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Lincoln Congregational Temple, with burial in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

MISS DORIS CHRISTMAS
Dies At Home

Assistant To Col. Campbell Dies In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Miss Doris O. Christmas, 36, an administrative assistant to a highly placed Selective Service official, died Wednesday of a cerebral hemorrhage at her home, 930 T street, N. W.

She held that position in the office of Colonel Campbell C. Johnson, assistant to the Director of the Selective Service System, 451 Indiana avenue, N. W., since January, 1942.

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MISS CHRISTMAS was born in Philadelphia. She was graduated from Philadelphia high school for Girls. She majored in business administration at Virginia State College, Petersburg.

She also attended the Stenotype Institute of Washington and the Berlitz School for languages. She had been active in the American Association of University Women and the Americans for Democratic Action.

Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Christmas, live in Philadelphia. Two sisters and one brother also survive.

Burial will be in Philadelphia, on Monday, May 21.

J. M. Carter, Ex-Teacher at Dunbar High

Funeral services for James M. Carter, 79, a retired Dunbar High School English and mathematics teacher, will be held at 11 a. m. today at Lincoln Congregational Temple, 11th and R sts. nw. Interment will be in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Carter

Mr. Carter, a District resident for 65 years, died Tuesday at his home, 402 U st. nw.

A native of Amhurst, Va., Mr. Carter came to Washington as a boy and was graduated from Howard University in 1901, where he earned bachelor of arts and philosophy degrees. While at Howard he played guard on the football team.

He retired in 1946 after teaching in the public schools here for 42 years, all except 15 months at Dunbar.

Survivors include his wife, the former Marion L. Jackson of Charlottesville, Va., whom he married in 1912, and their daughter, Marion Elizabeth Carter, an associate professor at D. C. Teachers College.

A son, James R., lives in Philadelphia. Two grandchildren, two sisters, and two brothers live in Amherst, Va.

Nannie W. Day

Nannie W. Day, a resident of Washington for 61 years, died of a heart attack Wednesday at her home, 2813 15th st. nw., where she had lived 46 years.

Mrs. Day, who would have been 76 yesterday, was born in Charlottsville, Va., and came here an orphan at the age of 15. She attended District schools and the Clark Institute of Millinery and Dressmaking, then located here.

She was on the board of deaconesses of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, of which she was a member for 58 years.

Her husband, John W. Day, died in 1947.

Surviving are her daughters, Eunice Day Lee, an instructor at Howard University; Valena D. Goings, 2813 15th st. nw.; a son, John W. Day Jr., 1825 S st. nw., and a grandson. She also is survived by a sister, Marguerite Wood Day, District Heights.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the McGuire funeral home, 1820 9th st. nw., with burial in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Beatrice Butcher Dies at 48

Beatrice Bowen Butcher, 48, principal of Lovejoy Elementary School for 13 years and a well-known teacher in the District school system since 1926, died Sunday of a cerebral hemorrhage at George Washington University Hospital. She lived at 4366 Argyle terrace nw.

Mrs. Butcher

Born in the Washington, Mrs. Butcher graduated in 1926 from the iMner Normal School and was immediately appointed to teach second grade pupils in the Deanwood School (now Carver). Most of her career was devoted to elementary education.

From 1930 to 1932 Mrs. Butcher taught in the Garrison School. In 1932 she was chosen to teach in the Morgan School, then a demonstration center. She was picked in 1934 to participate in a congressional experiment in character education as an assistant counselor at the Washington Vocational School.

After a short time as principal of Reno School, she began in 1937 her long tenure as principal of Lovejoy. During the summer of 1939 she was a visiting delegate to the first World Christian Youth Conference in Amsterdam.

During her administration at Lovejoy, Mrs. Butcher had three announced objectives. First, she strove for a closer relationship between home and school to promote child development. Second, she attempted to give individual attention to every child. Third, she tried to instill in every pupil a sense of responsibility.

From 1950 until her last illness Mrs. Butcher was principal of Sumner School. She worked until May 18 of this year.

Mrs. Butcher held bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard University. She also did graduate work at New York University and was a delegate-student to the Interracial Institute, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. before World War II.

Survivors include an uncle, Rev. Ernest Craig and a cousin, Thelma Craig, both of 4800 Meade st. ne.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Thursday at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, 1518 M st. nw. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Doctor Who Never Practiced Medicin Dies At 102 Years

WASHINGTON, D. C.— (CNS) — Dr. James Edward Simpson, who had a degree from Louisville Medical college, though he never practiced medicine, died at his Washington home this week at the age of 102.

Born in 1854, in Brownsville, Pa., the doctor's father was a riverboat steward. Simpson studied at Pittsburgh and Wilberforce universities before coming to Howard university in 1877. He earned his medical degree at Louisville Medical college and claimed that he didn't practice medicine because he was only interested in the knowledge to attend his own family.

He became a teacher instead and taught 'tin. In 1925 Dr. Simpson was the first teacher in the public school system of Louisville to be retired On celebrating his 100th birthday, his hearing and eyesight were excellent and he knew the Bible well from memory.

He lived by the verse: "What man of you would live long and see many days, let him keep his lips from evil and his tongue from speaking guile."

Dr. Roscoe F. Lee Rites In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNA)—P Funeral services for Dr. Roscoe F. Lee, a dental surgeon, who died at sea on July 29, were held Thursday from St. Mary Episcopal Church. The Rev. F. A. Christytan officiated. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Dr. Lee, 58, the first colored dentist to receive national certification in the field of oral surgery, died of a heart attack aboard the liner United States.

Dr. Lee was returning to New York from a seven-week tour of Europe. During a two-week stopover in London, he was given a citation for research in oral surgery by the Eastman Dental Clinic He studied there in 1954 under Sir William K. Fry.

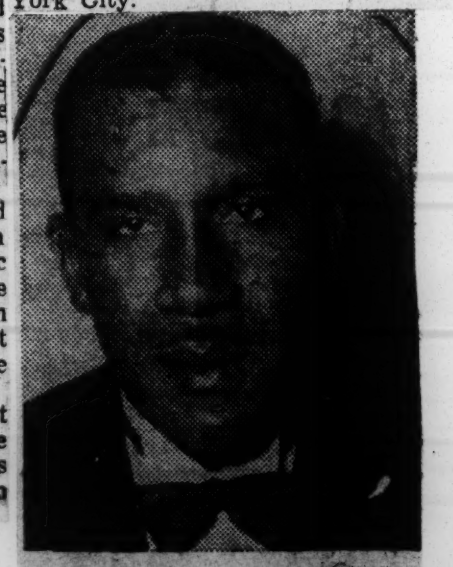
In 1947 he passed the American Board of Oral Surgery examinations in Chicago, receiving his "diplomate," or national certification. He was a 1922 graduate of the Howard University Dental College.

Dr. Lee organized the first oral surgery department at Freedmen's Hospital in 1926, and headed it until 1936.

An accomplished pianist, he had his own dance band during the 1920s.

Dr. Lee was a member of the Robert E. Freeman Dental Society, the Chi Delta Mu and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities and was at one time a trustee of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Eloise Rucker Lee, a public school teacher here, and a daughter, Frances Camille, a junior in the dental college at Howard, Dr. Lee is survived by a brother, Edgar R. Lee of New York City.



ELDER MORGAN

Baptising Site

Minister, 49, Wades Into River, Drowns

WASHINGTON — Elder William Henry Morgan, the 49-year-old pastor of the Church of God, was drowned at Buzzard's Point in the Anacostia River while attempting to baptize some new members.

The elder and about 20 members are reported to have gather on the river bank for the baptismal ceremony.

The minister waded into the river before the flock to "test the water." Suddenly the pastor disappeared, apparently stepping into a hole.

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THE CONGREGATION began to scream attracting the attention of two swimmers who dived repeatedly in an attempt to rescue the Rev. Mr. Morgan.

It was not until harbor police had dragged the river for two hours that the body was found. Police said the minister stepped into a hole which was about six feet wide and about 15 feet deep. The depression is thought to have resulted from a trench which the electric company had been dredging for a power line being brought across the river.

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ENGLAND

Ira Aldridge's Daughter Dies;

Defender, p. 13 England
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Sat 3-24-56

By EDWARD SCOBIE

LONDON — Amanda Ira Aldridge, the last surviving daughter of famous U.S. Negro actor Ira Aldridge, died at Cane Hill hospital, Surrey, England Saturday the day before her 90th birthday.

Cause of death was senile debility. She had been in failing health ever since she was taken to the hospital four months ago.

Miss Aldridge was a pupil of the Swedish Nightingale Jenny Lind, and a Foundation Member of the Royal College of Music. She taught singing for over 65 years, three of her pupils being Marian Anderson Paul Robeson, and Roland Hayes. Using the pen-name of "Montagu Ring," Amanda composed several pieces her best-known work being Three African Dances. Her last public appearance was on BBC television on April 16, 1954, in a programme suggested by Edward Scobie.

The burial took place on Friday March 16, at Streatham Park cemetery Streatham Vale, London. Among those who attended the funeral were Miss Fanny Andrews at whose home the deceased lived prior to being taken to the hospital, Miss Mildred Stock of New York, M. Friend, executor of Miss Aldridge's will, and writer Edward Scobie, a close friend of Amanda's for several years.

Dr. William Boyd, Educator, Leader Claimed By Death

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. p.1
Sun 3-11-56

Dr. William Madison Boyd, courageous NAACP leader and popular educator, died in a local hospital yesterday after an extended illness.

Death came at 1:45 P. M. to the young political science instructor. He was 39 years old.

DR. WILLIAM BOYD

Dr. Boyd, who will be remembered also as a news analyst, was born in Morehead City, N. C., April 8, 1916. He was graduated from Talladega College in 1937, and gained two higher degrees from the University of Michigan. These were Master of Arts in 1939 and Ph. D. in 1944.

At the time of his death. Dr. Boyd was chairman of the Department of Political Science, Atlanta University He had served in this post since 1948. He served as chairman of the Social Science Department and Professor of Political Science, at Fort Valley State College, from 1940 to 1948.

The young educator probably was better known as the president of the Georgia chapter of the National Association for the advancement of Colored People.

With the NAACP Dr. Boyd led the fight to gain admission for Negroes into Georgia's educational system and was the outstanding organizer of the famed Horace Ward case which is still pending.

He stood for the cause of justice all over the state, and was out of town often, personally investigating. Violations of civil rights.

Dr. Boyd was married to Mrs. Betty Boyd, and was father of two sons; William Madison, Jr., and Robert A. They live at 604 Beckwith St., S. W.

The Young leader will also be remembered as a political analyst over Radio Station WERD a post he kept until illness prevented it.

He was also affiliated with the American Political Science Association, the American Histrorical Association, and served as President of the Association of Social Science Teachers, in 1948.

Publications he authored were published in the Quarterly Review of Higher Education among Negroes, Phylon and the Midwest Journal.

He was a visiting lecturer and speaker at Barnard College, visiting lecturer in International Relations, sponsored by American Friends Service Committee in 1949. In 1953 he was with the 18th Annual Institute on International Relations, Wichita, Kansas and at Washburn Univ., and Topeka Institute on International Relations.

Dr. Boyd is survived in addition to his wife and sons, by his mother, Mrs. C. F. Boyd, of Morehead City N. C.; four sisters, Mrs. Ellen Reeves, of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Ruby Gill, of Asheboro, N. C. Mrs. Vivian Leaks, of Charlotte, N. C.; and Mrs. Doretha Benton, of Morehead City, N. C. He is also survived by three brothers; Alfonso, of Morehead City, and E. A. and E. S. Boyd both of New York City.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday March 13 at 2:30 at the First Congregational Church.

DR. WILLIAM BOYD OF ATLANTA U., 39

Times p.27-C

Political Science Department Head Dies—Studied Social Conditions in Europe

Mon. 3-12-56

ATLANTA, March 11 (AP) — Dr. William M. Boyd, head of the Political Science Department at Atlanta University, died yesterday of leukemia. He was 39 years old.

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Dr. William Boyd buried in Atlanta

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 3-24-56

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In 1942-43 he was Rosenwald fellow and in 1947, under a Carnegie Corporation grant, studied social and economic conditions in England, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Poland.

Before coming to Atlanta University in 1948, Dr. Boyd was chairman of the social science department and professor of political science at Fort Valley State College. He served as president of the Association of Social Science Teachers in 1948.

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DR. BOYD'S SERVICE extended far beyond the limits of the academic world. From 1946 to 1955 he was president of the Georgia NAACP and, when he was forced to resign because of illness, the organization made him chairman of the executive committee.

For five years he was news analyst for Radio Station WERD. He lectured widely throughout the country, in 1949 as visiting lecturer in international relations at Barnard College, New York, under the sponsorship of the American Friends Service Committee

Speaking of Dr. Boyd at the funeral service, President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University said, "He had so little time and so much to do." Citing his many services to the community, he said that in his illness his many friends had served him unselfishly because his life had been unselfish.

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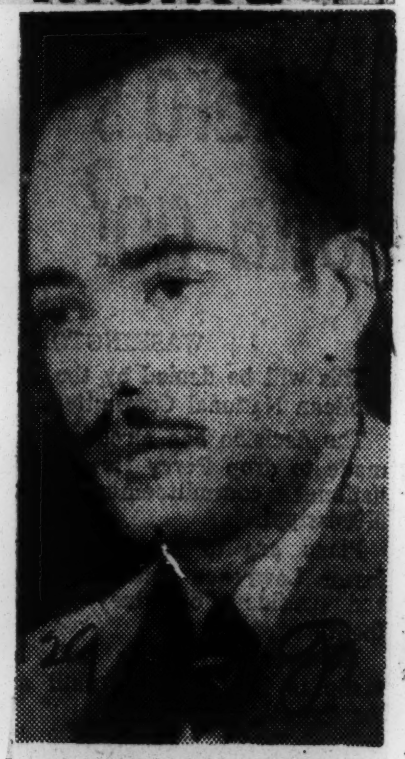
THE REV. HOMOR C. McEWEN, pastor of First Congregational Church, who officiated at the services, said: "As we count the days of man, William Boyd's life was short, but it was lit by valiance which cannot be extinguished."



DR. WILLIAM M. BOYD

The Rev. Lucius H. Pitts read the scripture and President Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College offered the prayer. Graham Jackson played the organ for the service.

Active pallbearers were C. A. Bacote, T. D. Jarrett, John Morrow, N P. Tillman, A. N. Whiting and Whitney Young. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Kappa boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

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USHSERS WERE members of the 27 Club, Eta Omega Chapter o. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Bachelor-Benedict Club. Interment was at Carver Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betty Boyd; sons, William M. Jr. and Robert E. Boyd; his mother, Mrs. C. T. Boyd of Morehead City; brothers, Alfonso of Morehead City, E. A. and U. S. Boyd, both of NYC.;

Four sisters, Mesdames E T. Reeves of Los Angeles, R. B. Gill of Asheville, N.C, V. B. Leak of Charlotte, N.C., and Doretha Benton of Morehead

DR. BOYD, PICTURED A FIGHTER OF FIGHTERS

Daily World P. 6
Tues. 3-13-56
Atlanta, Ga.

BY GEORGE M. COLEMAN

A voice, that most of us who love the valiant insisted we would hear again, airing strong views for the equality of his race, has been stilled forever. . . . . The thing that countless feared, but refused to accept has happened.

Dr. William Boyd, who never lost courage in the face of impending crisis, has lost his final battle to forces greater than himself. . . . . He is dead. . . . . .

Death the inevitable shocker at all times, came even more ironically to the young fighter at the age of 39 . . . . . It came just hours before the NAACP, which was greatly indebted to him, was to stage a Freedom March in renewed efforts to vanquish the foe, rate hate, Dr. Boyd battled for years.

His friends and comrades were many, and not too many of them were surprised . . . . Word had been whispered for weeks that survival was not probable. But even stronger was the story of his courage; the inherent steel and grit that made this man; who had helped the plight of is race so much, refused to believe he would fail to win this battle with forces that had made him ill.

Heading the Georgia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was a job. Dr. Boyd tackled with vigor. His duties kept him in a dual role from which there was little rest; teaching his classes in political science at Morehouse College and Atlanta University, and practically living on the road as he handled case after case for the NAACP.

This was the educator, the leader . . . . . But there were two other Dr. Boyds. . . Dr. Boyd, the family man husband of Mrs. Betty Boyd, and father of two young sons.. There was "Bill" Boyd., fraternity man, and equally on close friendly terms with the man in the street, the barber, doctor, postman, etc.

Its easy to remember the easy manner in which he hailed you as you walked by, "Hi, chief."

Its tragically easy to remember the time when he told this reporter he was planning to "take it easy", becuase he had been working too hard.

But Atlanta will remember the strength he showed, even when countless friends came to give blood the fact that he never accepted defeat and said very recently that he was confident he would recover.

This was Dr. William Madison Boyd, who lived here for several years, and whose quietus may become a symbol to others to hold on when the riddle of life becomes a mystery greater than the human heart can bear.

Dr. W. M. Boyd, Negro Leader Here, Dies at 39

Journal + Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Sun. 3-11-56

Dr. William M. Boyd, head of the political science department at Atlanta University and official of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, died Saturday.

Dr. W. M. Boyd

The Negro educator was 39. He had been confined to a private hospital suffering from leukemia for 20 months.

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HE WAS ACTIVE in the program of the Georgia State Teachers Conference and in local and national NAACP organizations. He was president of the state NAACP organization from 1946 to 1955, his family said.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. The Rev. Homer C. McEwen will officiate with burial at Carver Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife; sons, William M. Boyd Jr., and Robert E. Boyd, both of Atlanta; his mother, Mrs. C. T. Boyd of Morehead City; brothers, Alfonso Boyd of Morehead City, E. A. and U. S. Boyd, both of New York City, and sisters, Mrs. E. T. Reeves of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. R. B. Gill of Ashboro, N. C.; Mrs. V. B. Leak of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. Doretha Benton of Morehead City.

Dr. W. M. Boyd Dies in Atlanta

Times P. 22
Mon. 3-12-56

ATLANTA, March 11 (AP) — Dr. William M. Boyd, 39, head of the political science department at Atlanta university and former president of the Georgia NAACP, died Saturday of leukemia in an Atlanta hospital.

A native of Morehead City, N. C., the Negro educator was graduated from Talladega college in 1937. He obtained a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1939 and a doctor of philosophy degree from Michigan in 1944.

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William Madison Boyd

Daily World
Wed. 3-14-56 P. 6
Atlanta, Ga.

Few men reached the apex of a full and fruitful life so packed with effective events and progressive paradoxes in the short span of thirty nine years as evidenced in the achievements of Dr. William Boyd, late Atlanta University professor, civic leader and man of creative note.

Having been born at Morehead City, North Carolina, in the heart of the old tar-heel state, he naturally inherited that push and native industry of that environ which carried him to the peak of a notable career of superb accomplishments which will endure for many generations.

Coming to Atlanta a few short years ago, Dr. Boyd enlisted in the teaching profesSon at Atlanta University. Here he was to win his spurs as a powerful educator and to so inject himself into the nerve-fabric of this great educational city as to become an upstanding authority not only in things educational, but on the civic and political front.

He carried along with his educational work, that of an authority in government and political science. So studious was he of world affairs, while he was carrying on as a daily news commentator over Radio Station WERD, he was to attract such local and national attention as to be acclaimed one of the leading news analyst of the time. Ranking with Kaltenborn, Edwin C. Hill and Walter Winchell in the field of news commentator, Dr. Boyd became a standard authority. No man of his time was more versatile in the discussion of technical foreign affairs and few ever attained the powerful statue enjoyed by Dr. Boyd.

He was State President of the NAACP, on which front he made an imperishable contribution in the field of crusade during the period leading up to the outlawing of segregation by the U. S. Supreme Court as well as fighting for equality for the pay of Negro teachers.

Above all, he was the plain common citizen, that man with the "common touch" that evangelist of goodwill and the brother of the man farthest down.

Dr. Boyd made his contribution and passed on at the high tide of his career. Like many another powerful genius, he packed into the short span allotted him a full-fledged fruitful career. He leaves behind, the shining tracks by which men will be guided on and on through the vale of this temper-vexing wilderness.

He, like Lincoln, while passing early, died gloriously, with the hearts of millions of his fellowmen warming his tired spirit as it passed over "to rest beneath the shade of the trees."

A Memorial To William Madison Boyd

BY JESSE O. THOMAS

"We live in a world and at time when changes are taking place all about us in such frustrating rapidity that tomorrow becomes yesterday before one realizes the transition, and yesterday becomes last week in a hurry. In the midst of these accelerations we are apt to forget many of the contributing factors to our personal and social well being.

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"No one is prepared scientifically to state that the pathology responsible for [illegible] contracted illness of our friend, [illegible] Boyd, and finally his passing, was the result of his going beyond the call of duty in his efforts to enhance the political well being and welfare fortunes of Negroes. I am persuaded, however, that no one who was at all familiar with the long hours he labored, the long distances he traveled, the sacrificial services he rendered so overtaxed his physical strength and reduced his resistance as to render him susceptible to the germs which are our common enemies. Reducing the above to the lowest terms it means that William Boyd spent himself extravagantly for us and we are his beneficiaries. There are several ways to express our appreciation in recognition of our inheritance.

"I know of nothing that would please Bill Boyd more than to look down from his new home above the skies and to see 20,000 additional names of Negroes on the voter's list as bonafide registrants at the city courthouse.

I am sure there will be other Memorial evaluations of Bill's contribution towards first class citizenship, but fellow Atlantans let's resolve that one of the monuments that shall be erected in his memory will be characterized by a constant, unbroken stream of hither to unregistered voters to 185 Central Avenue, S. W., where we sign the dotted line "John Doe."

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GEORGIA

Edwin Farley, Leader Passes In Columbus

Daily World Tues. 7-3-56

Atlanta, Ga., P.I.

COLUMBUS, Ga. — E. Edwin Farley, 55, President of the Columbus Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and prominent civic leader, was pronounced dead on being taken to City Hospital Sunday after he had suffered an attack as he was leaving church, it has been disclosed.

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The NAACP leader, who lived at 307 Illges Road, had just left services at the First African Baptist Church and was preparing to enter his automobile when he collapsed. An ambulance was called and he was taken to City Hospital, but died on the way.

Coroner E. Lynn Howell said the leader had been under treatment for a heart condition for several weeks. The cause of death, however, has not as yet been established.

The NAACP president's wife was visiting relatives in Atlanta at the time of his death.

A pioneer worker in the development of the YMCA for Negroes here, he was serving a second consecutive term as head of the local NAACP. He was re-elected to the post in a February 19 appealed election.

He began a 20-year career in YMCA work here in 1925 by service as secretary of the Negro Army-Navy "Y," the first organization of its kind in the United States.

He was serving as head of a "Y" committee mapping plans for procurement of a new building for the unit at the time of his death.

After resigning his local YMCA post in 1945, he accepted a position with the Tuskegee USO-YMCA, Tuskegee, Ala. He returned to Columbus in 1948 and entered the real estate business. He promoted the Carver Heights Development, consisting of hundreds of first class homes for Negroes. The Negro leader, who came here from Atlanta in 1925, was born in LaGrange in 1901. His family moved to College Park in 1903.

He was graduated from Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Before World War II, he worked with the 24th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning as coach-chaplain.

In addition to his business activities since his return to Colum-

bus, he has served as chairman of the management committee of Carver County Park and as assistant pastor and trustee of the First African Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife and two brothers, Grady Farley, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Charles Farley, New Jersey.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Sconier Funeral Home.

Funeral Services For Solomon E. Pace, Saturday At St. Paul

Daily World p. 3
Thurs. 4-5-56

Funeral services for Solomon E. Pace, pioneer Atlantan who distinguished himself as a businessman, barber and lay leader in his church, will be held Saturday, 2 P. M., at St. Paul AME Church, McDaniel and Hightower Streets, S. W., with the pastor, Dr. B. J. Nolen officiating. Assisting will be visiting ministers and presiding elders.

Atlanta, Ga.

The body will lie in state at the church from 12 noon Saturday until the hour of the funeral.

Husband of Mrs. Lillie B. Pace and one of St. Paul's most faithful officers and members for more than 35 years, he died late Tuesday afternoon at his residence 512 Greensferry Avenue, S. W., Apt. 353, after a lingering illness.

Although his declining health kept him from his post of duty at the Herndon Barber Shop, Inc., 68 Broad Street N. W., since last October, he continued to come to church at intervals.

A native of Madison, Ga., Mr. Pace came to Atlanta early in life and joined the tonsorial staff at the Herndon Barber Shop when only 19 years of age.

He served as manager of Herndon's shop at 66 Peachtree Street, N. E. for several years and at one time had 26 barbers under his supervision. His clientele included many of Atlanta's most prominent business and professional men.

Mr. Pace also operated a large barber shop of his own on Central Avenue, S. E., near Decatur Street, providing employment for several barbers and other employees.

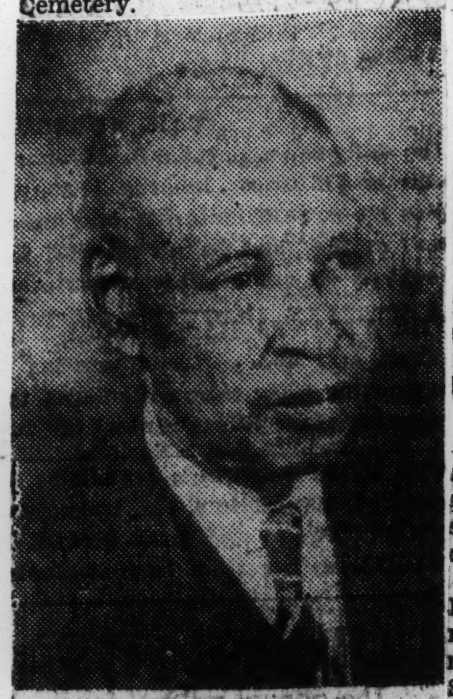
He later returned to the Herndon shop and during recent years devoted most of his time to managerial duties and served as assistant cashier. Currently on the staff at Herndon's are six of the barbers who worked with him when the shop was located on Peachtree.

ACTIVE CHURCH WORKER

Chairman of Steward Board No. 1 at St. Paul at the time of his death, Mr. Pace was an active church worker for more than 35 years. He had previously served as church treasurer, secretary, class leader, and Sunday School teacher. At one time he was a delegate to the General Conference from St. Paul.

Six years ago, he was honored by members of the church as "Father of the Year for 1950." He was presented the "Father of the Year Award" by the Music and Dramatic Guild.

Interment will be in South View Cemetery.



SOLOMON E. PACE

Walter Hornsby Sr.

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

Insurance Head Dies

Sat. 4-7-56

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Walter S. Hornsby Sr. was buried here Friday. He was president of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company. Services were conducted from the Antioch Baptist Church, where he was a member of the trustee board and president of the choir.

Hornsby died suddenly Tuesday from a heart attack. He was 76.

He was the last of the five founders of Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company.

Hornsby was born in Blythe, Ga.

The insurance executive is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie B. Hornsby; Walter S. Hornsby Jr., vice president and treasurer of the insurance company; four other children, and three grandchildren.

Funeral Rites Today For Walter S. Hornsby

Daily World p. 1
Atlanta, Ga. Fri. 3-30-56

Funeral services for Walter S. Hornsby, Sr. will be held today, 2:30 at Antioch Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia.

Mr. Hornsby, president of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 27 of a heart attack. He was 76.

The insurance official and pioneer Georgia business man was one of the original founders of the insurance company. He was the last living member among four others who founded the company 58 years ago. The company which had a rather humble beginning has grown to nearly $9 million in assets and has more than $55 million of insurance in force.

Mr. Hornsby, together with the late Dr. S. W. Walker lived to mould the company into one of the most recognized of its kind in the Southeast.

Born in blythe of humble heritage, Mr. Hornsby rose to a position of high esteem in the business field. Allen University awarded him an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters 12 years ago.

He was a member of the advisory committee of the Gwinette Street Branch of the Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust Company, and a partner of the Hornsby-McCoy Realty Company. His company invested more than $1 million in low-rent housing for Negroes in Augusta.

Mr. Hornsby was former president of the National Insurance Association and the Georgia Negro Chamber of Commerce. He was also trustee of Paine College.

The noted insurance official was chairman of the board of trustees of Antioch Baptist Church and a leader in the Baptist Training Union.

The Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company operates in four states, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina.

Mr. Hornsby is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie B. Hornsby; a son, Walter S. Hornsby, Jr., vice president and treasurer of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company; and three daughters Charlotte Hornsby, Jean Hornsby and Waltene Hornsby, all of Augusta.

WALTER S. HORNSBY

Delegate Dies At AME Session, Funeral Held

Defender p. 1
Sat. 5-19-56
Chicago, Ill.

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — Funeral services were held last week at St. Peter AME church for Anthony D. Watson, taxi operator, who died May 7 while attending the AME conference in Miami, Fla.

Watson, an active AME layman, taught carpentry at Fort Valley High and Industrial school from 1923 until it was organized as a college and he became superintendent of buildings and grounds.

He retired in 1948 and entered the taxi business. At one time he was the basso in a quartet that traveled throughout the country to raise funds for the school.

Watson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Bailey Watson, three sons and six daughters.

Miss Jessie M. Jones Dies At Local Hospital

MISS JESSIE M. JONES

Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Jessie Mae Jones, well-known Atlanta principal and church worker of 531 Connally Street, S. E. died Friday night, shortly after 8 P. M., at a local hospital, after an extended illness.

A teacher and principal in the Atlanta Public School System for 47 years, she was retired by the Atlanta Board of Education. This action by the school board was to become effective on August 31, 1956.

A life-long resident of Atlanta, she was a graduate of Morris Brown College and received her master's degree from Atlanta University.

Miss Jones started her career as a teacher at the Old Summerhill School and her last assignment was principal of the E. A. Ware Elementary School, where she served 14 years.

An active and faithful member of Temple AME Church, she served as a Sunday School teacher and organist for one of the choirs and was a leader in the missionary society.

Funeral plans will be announced by Moreland Funeral Home.

Taps For William Boyd Lawrence

Joining the long line of his sainted comrades, whom he well outdistanced in years, Dr. William Boyd Lawrence of Georgia African Methodist acclaim and who belongs to the ages, was peacefully gathered unto his fathers Friday. Having exceeded three-score and ten and enjoying through that long period such actvity as marked the whole of his long and illustrous career, his was an epochal contribution.

Coming up from the farm ranks of Hancock County in those primitive days when the three R's were taught in old field schools and churches three months per season, he was to make the top rounds in the area of liberal education and to prepare himself for a useful ministry in which his long life never exceeded its usefulness and current brightness.

For Sparta and Hancock Counties, and their school facilities were not to keep him tethered nor bound like Prometheus to the rock, but were to shelve a big and husky spirit across the area of human destinies to emerge as one of the most powerful influences of his day in church circles.

Taking up the work as a public school teacher along with his ministry, his was an enviable opportunity to inquiring into the possibilities of boys and girls in the far hinterlands from whence brought many a glittering jewel.

While on the whole, a man of the age, a student of currency, and that affable gentleman of the old school, his finesse in personality, his nobility of character and his innate flexibility accorded him a place among the most progressive of the moderns.

Above after all, the church was his field; here he labored long and sacrificial; untiring to the last and long suffering in the ties of his yoke-fellows.

He was a presiding elder; he knew the rurals; he drove through the winds and storms to remote country churches and preached a wholesome gospel to them — all.

Stout in form and princely in grace, his cheering smile will long linger among the red old hills of Georgia while his resounding and big voice will echo from the pine-thickets and crossroads where he marched through Georgia.

While he might not have aspired for the bishopric in his church, he nevertheless "sent up timber" for that powerful and influential structure that has sheltered and carried across—"many a thousand."

William Boyd Lawrence transcended church circles and denominational indentures; he was bigger than the model of race; he was taller than partisan timbers. He was the humanitarian, the big jolly chuckling brother and above all — "the prince of peace!"

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MISS JESSIE MAE JONES WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Miss Jessie Mae Jones, prominent educator and church worker who died Friday night, will be held Wednesday, 3 P. M., at Allen Temple AME Church, with Dr. T. M. Greene officiating and delivering the eulogy.

The body will be at the residence 831 Connally Street, S. E., from 4 p. m. today until 12 noon, Wednesday, and will lie in state at the church from noon until the hour of the funeral.

After completing 47 years of service as a teacher and principal in the Atlanta Public School, Miss Jones was retired by the Atlanta Board of Education this year, effective on August 31.

A graduate of Morris Brown College, she received her masters degree from Atlanta University. After starting his career as an educator at the Old Summerhill School, she served as a teacher at the Old Pittsburgh School, W. H. Crogman, Booker T. Washington High, and assistant principal in charge of the elementary department at the David T. Howard School.

She was in her 14th year as principal of the E. A. Ware Elementary School when retired.

TIRELESS CHURCH WORKER

A life-long resident of Atlanta, she was a tireless church worker.

In addition to serving as a Sunday School teacher, organist, leader in the missionary society and in numerous other capacities at Allen Temple, she devoted much of her time to the lay activities of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church, particularly the Georgia Christian Leadership Education Congress.

Miss Jones was also active in community affairs, serving on the advisory boards of the YMCA Summerhill Community Center, the Metropolitan Atlanta Association for the Bling, the Atlanta Tuberculosis and American Cancer Society.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Also participating in the funeral services will be Bishop William R. Wilkes, Dr. John H. Lewis, Dr. J. R. Coan, and Dr. D. H. Stanton.

The honorary escort will include the Stewards, Trustees, and Chair Ladies Council of Allen Temple, the Principal's Club and the faculty of the E. A. Ware Elementary School.

Music will be furnished by Allen Temple Choir No. 1, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Shy Scott, and Mrs. Waymon Bray, of Big Bethel AME Church, will sing "My Task."

The members of the Eastern Star will pay final tribute to Miss Jones with appropriate ceremonies.

Interment will be at South View Cemetery.

Final Rites Paid Dr. Viola Hill

In brief and yet solemn ceremonies yesterday, final rites were paid one of Atlanta's pioneer educators, Dr. Viola Juanita Hill, chairman of the division of language, literature and art at Morris Brown College.

Funeral services were held at Radcliffe Presbyterian Church at 12 noon. Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris Brown College, delivered the eulogy.

In his final tribute to Dr. Hill and her work in the field of education, Dr. Lewis said, "Dr. Hill had a vision of the good, the beautiful, the highest and the noblest.

"We of Morris Brown," he said, "will remember her, and will keep the vision before us."

In his tribute, Dr. Lewis spoke of those souls, "who have life and have it abundantly." He told how their service is so freely and so gladly given that duty is a delight.

"We come today to pay tribute to such a life--a life that was full and rich and over-flowing--the life of Viola Miller Hill."

The President of Morris Brown called Dr. Hill a woman of rare gifts and many talents.

"But she will be remembered first," he said, "as an ideal mother. In her home she exemplified those virtues--those high qualities of mind and spirit that inspired her sons to grow up into strong, useful, responsible citizens."

Dr. Lewis said such motherhood as this is an undying thing, perpetuating itself in the lives of ones children and her children's children.

"Such motherhood as this is the crying need of our nation--of the world in these troubled times."

Dr. Hill, through her work in the field of education and at Morris Brown College affected the lives of hundreds of young people.

For a number of years, she was a model teacher in the public schools of Atlanta. For the past [illegible] years, she has been an honored member of the faculty of Morris Brown College.

Dr. Lewis said Dr. Hill has been "a mighty inspiration to young people who dream dreams and long to realize them, in spite of poverty and other handicaps."

He said she expected the best of young people and she accepted nothing short of the best.

"Her love for young people was so great," Dr. Lewis said, "that although this school year has found her hampered by illness and pain, she gave of herself unsparingly in her class room until a few short weeks ago."

Besides a good teacher, a mother, she was called a good neighbor and good friend. President Lewis said "we are richer for her having passed this way. As great as our loss, there should be no grief at the close of a life like this, for this woman has performed with distinction her part in the Divine Plan.

"We bow our heads today in submission to an all-wise and loving Father, and with an unshakable belief in the ultimate."

Dr. Hill is survived by two sons Dr. Lyndon Hill of New York City and Kossuth Hill of Atlanta.

Rev. Weeks officiated. Rev. J. A. Middleton read the scripture. Music was rendered by a group from Morris Brown College.

Retired Ga. teacher killed in auto crash

ATLANTA — Mrs. Maggie P. Brown of Albany, Ga., was killed in an automobile accident near here last Saturday when the vehicle she was riding in overturned.

Mrs. Aurelia Noble, her daughter, was driving. Mrs. Brown retired last June after 50 years of teaching in the public school system.

At the time of the accident, they were en route from Atlanta to Albany.

In addition to her daughter, other survivors include her husband, W. D. Brown; daughter, Mrs. Alice Horn, Atlanta; grandsons John, Los Angles; Floyd, Fort Benning; William, Florida A. and M. College; and Dr. Jean Noble of NYC.

Eight Thousand At Dr. Brewer's Funeral: "Biggest In 30 Years"

COLUMBUS, Ga. — (SNS)

The man who "figured into almost every gain the Negro has made in this community" was funeralized Tuesday in a unique emotion-packed 30-minute ceremony for which an estimated 8,000 people gathered.

It was the funeral of the 71-year-old past NAACP president, Doctor Thomas H. Brewer, who was shot to death last Saturday by a white Columbus business man. The physician's untimely death came from a hail of seven bullets triggered by Lucio Flowers, a department store owner whose business is located directly under Dr. Brewer's office on 1029 First Avenue.

Thousands of people, a sprinkling of which were white, gathered within a one and two block radius of the church to pay homage to their fallen leader. All streets leading to First African Baptist Church, where the funeral was held, were lined with cars three and four deep.

The overcrowded church sagged under the weight causing a cracking sound as if the gallery at the left front of the church was collapsing. Excited by the alarming noise, hundreds of people inside the building attempted a mass exodus causing minor injury to an elderly lady.

However, the crowd had simmered down and was again intent upon mourning their great loss by the time the deceased next of kin began sauntering up the aisle.

The sad strains of instrumental music set a sombre background as the organ chimed the melody of 'Going Home."

"It was the biggest funeral I have ever seen in the 30 years I have lived here," said Mrs. Ella Reed, a long time friend of the Brewer family.

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Land reported a witness said Brewer, a prominent physician, reached into his pocket Saturday night just before he was shot to death in Flowers' office. A pistol later was found in Brewer's pocket, Land said.

E. E. Farley, president of the Columbus chapter of the NAACP, said Brewer was dissatisfied with the police investigation of the arrest of an intoxicated Negro in front of Flowers' store two weeks ago and wanted Flowers to appear as a witness in the case. Flowers refused, he said.

Dr. Brewer was slain on Saturday night by a hail of bullets triggered by Flowers, in his department store housed directly beneath Dr. Brewer's office, police reported. Dead on arrival at City Hospital, the physician's body was riddled with seven bullet wounds.

The fatal shooting occurred in the F and B Department Store at 1029 First Ave., around 7:25 p. m. The doctor reportedly had gone there for a pre-arranged meeting with Flowers to discuss the possible prosecution of a white police officer who beat a Negro inside and in front of Flowers' store.

BACKGROUND OF CONFLICT

Dr. Brewer had charged that Ptl. R. L. Cannon (white) with the beating of a Negro on Feb. 4. Police Chief E. S. Moncrief admitted that he had been contacted by Dr. Brewer regarding the case, and that the physician tried to get Flowers to testify as a witness to the beating.

An informed source who asked that his name be withheld in order to protect his personal "race rela-

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BY SAMUEL L. ADAMS

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The murder charge was made as a result of a warrant issued on the complaint of Police Chief E. S. Moncrief at 9 A. M. Monday. The Grand Jury will make presentments in the case on Feb. 29, Solicitor Land reported.

Meanwhile, a prominent family of doctors and a shocked and utterly depressed community girded themselves for the funeral today of the man who sparked the Primus King case which gave Negroes the right to vote in the state primary elections.

The funeral of Dr. Brewer of 522-18th St., was set for 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, after his son, Dr. T. H. Brewer, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio and son-in-law, Dr. R. M. Haskins, huddled here with other members of the family. Funeral rites will be held at the First African Baptist Church.

Rev. T. W. Smith, the physician's pastor, will officiate the funeral.

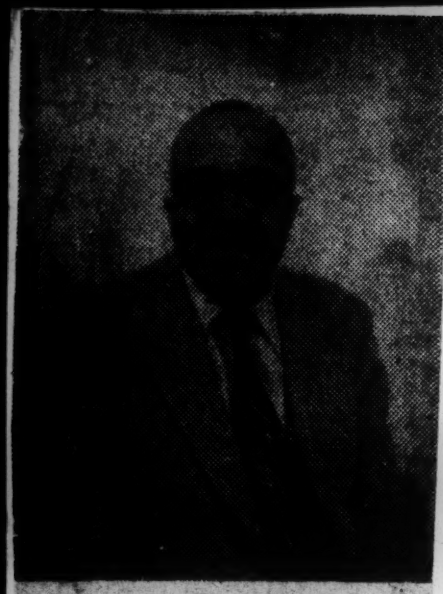
tions," said he was told before the tragic shooting that Flowers feared a possible boycott because of Dr. Brewer's insistence that he was favoring Officer Cannon in not agreeing to appear against him as a witness of the Feb. 4th beating.

Chief Moncrief said a police investigation revealed that Cannon was justified in beating the Negro prisoner, a belief shared by Mr. Flowers. Several subsequent meetings between Flowers and Brewer did not alter the merchant's position.

"VEIL OF SECRECY"

A veil of secrecy was placed over the police department regarding the Brewer shooting. Capt. J. D. Armstrong said the department had been alerted against saying anything pro or con. He said all information must come from Chattahoochee Valley Solicitor John H. Land, one of the organizers of States Right organization, a local segregation organization.

Solicitor Land told a Daily World



DR. T. H. BREWER

reporter—"We have one eye-witness of the shooting but we can't disclose his name." The witness' account, as revealed by Land, said:

Dr. Brewer entered the store about 7:26 p. m., walked across the front to the right aisle and toward the rear of the store. The physician then walked toward Mr. Flowers who was standing near the cash register.

Mr. Flowers he contmued, took his pistol from near the cash register and retreated to his adjoining office from where he shot the victim.

Just before the shooting, "Dr. Brewer's pocket, he said. Friends and in a hurried manner, reached his hand into his left vest pocket," Land's account continued.

Police found an unlicensed, folding type, foreign made pistol in Dr. Brewer put down his medical bag of the doctor said he has carried the pistol for some time because of threats he received. He is a member of the NAACP's executive committee and a staunch fighter for civil rights. He also is a member of the Republican Party and a powerful figure in local and national politics.

OFFICE UPSTAIRS

Dr. Brewer's office is located on the floor above Flower's store with the entrance next door. He allegedly came directly to the Department sinstore from his office.

After the shooting, Flowers was placed in the custody of a doctor in a hospital at Phenix City, Ala., an adjoining town on an open charge of investigation until more facts were obtained.

Investigating the shooting were Solicitor Land, Chief Moncrieff, Det. Capt. Adair and Dets, J. L. Coulter and C. L. Johnson.

The doctor-son of the murdered Negro physician said the pistol found on his father's body had been carried by Dr. Brewer since the late 1930's when he was threatened after claiming Negroes were being discriminated against in a housing project.

The senior doctor had been threatened several times within the last few weeks, said Dr. Brewer, Jr., and these were "just an extension" of feeling against the Negro leader over the past years.

The junior Brewer, a 36-year-old Columbus, Ohio surgeon, met difficulty returning to his Georgia home. His plane developed engine trouble Sunday causing him to return to Atlanta for a later flight.

WOULD NOT LEAVE STATE

In an interview here, he described his father as a man who refused to leave Georgia because of a strong sense of medical duty and equally strong convictions that it was right that he should stay to help his people.

"Father considered Columbus his home and not even continued threats would frighten him. One reason he stayed here was because of the need of Negro doctors in the South. My father criticized me for leaving Columbus because he felt this was my home and my services were needed here," he said.

Dr. Brewer, Jr., moved to Ohio after serving with the armed forces overseas.

In addition to originating the Primus King suit, Dr. Brewer has been a leader in most of the local fights for Negro rights. Among his successful crusades was a Negro library, equalization of teacher's pay, a Negro county park, swimming pool in the colored city park and bringing the duration of county schools from seven to nine months. He was also linked with the Columbus golf course controversy.

While Solicitor Land refused to named the witness to the shooting, rumors indicated that a 17-year-old Negro employee of Flowers may have seen the killing. The store was open for business when the shooting occurred and the Negro employee's work bench is directly across from the cash register and office of Mr. Flowers, it was pointed out.

Dr. Brewer is survived by his wife, a brother, James Brewer of Detroit, Mich., and two children, Mrs Thelma Brewer Haskins, and Dr. Brewer, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio.

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Flowers, a former barber, was twice unsuccessful as a candidate for Columbus City Council.

MRS. MAGGIE P. BROWN

... mourned by florists

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IFA Officer Laid to Rest

Pittsburgh, Pa

ALBANY, Ga.—Mrs. Maggie P. Brown, treasurer of the International Florists Association, Inc., was buried recently after meeting with a tragic auto accident en route to her home from Atlanta.

Mrs. Brown, one of the chartered members of the IFA, had served as treasurer from the organization's beginning in 1953 until her death.

Funeral rites were held at Bethel AME Church with the Rev. G. B. Hannon officiating.

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IN ATTENDANCE were several IFA officers, including W. O. Perry, president, of Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Y. M. Washington, first vice president, Birmingham, Ala.; Albert Powell, chairman of the board of directors, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Rosalind Talley, public relations chairman, Tampa, Fla.

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Atlanta Ga.

BY SAMUEL ADAMS

The man who "figured into almost every gain the Negro has made in this community" was funeralized Tuesday in a unique emotion-packed 30-minute ceremony for which an estimated 8,000 people gathered.

It was the funeral of the 71-year-old past NAACP president, Doctor Thomas H. Brewer, who was shot to death last Saturday by a white Columbus business man. The physician's untimely death came from a blitz of seven bullets triggered by Lucio Flowers, a department store owner whose business is located directly under Dr. Brewer's office on 1036½ First Avenue.

Thousands of people, a sprinkling of which were white, gathered within a one and two block radius of the church to pay homage to their fallen leader. All streets leading to First African Baptist Church, where the funeral was held, were lined with cars three and four deep.

The overcrowded church sagged under the weight causing a cracking sound as if the gallery at the left front of the church was collapsing. Excited by the alarming noise, hundreds of people inside the building attempted a mass exodus causing minor injury to an elderly lady.

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Sat. Atlanta Ga.
Sun. 10-1-56

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The widow of the late Dr. A. E. Jones, Mrs. Jones spent many years with the Atlanta Public School System. She was the first supervisor of elementary schools for Negroes for many years.

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Date of the funeral had not been announced at the time of this writing.

Personal Feud Blamed

News & Observer
Mon. 2-20-56

No Racial Angle to Georgia Shooting

COLUMBUS, Ga., Feb. 19 (AP) A white department store owner was being held in an undisclosed location today following the fatal shooting of Dr. Thomas H. Brewer, a prominent Negro physician and member of the local executive committee of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

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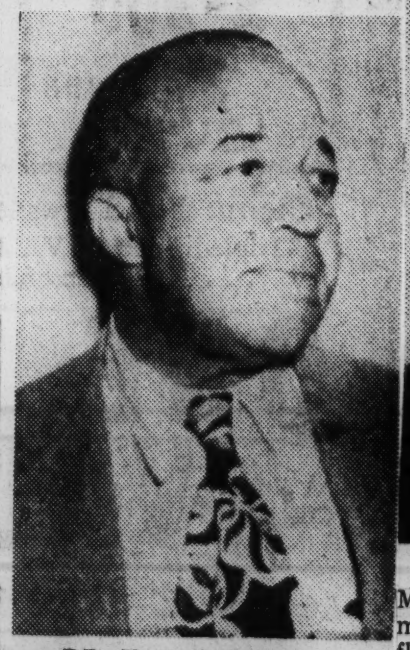
Solicitor Gen. John H. Land said today he did not know exactly where police were holding Lucio Flowers, about 50, in whose store the shooting occurred last night. He said Flowers was in a state of shock when he was picked up last night and had been under the care of a physician earlier today. Flowers was being held on a technical charge of investigation, he added.

Raleigh, N. C.

Land said the investigation so far indicated a personal dislike had existed between the two for some time and that this apparently was the reason for the shooting.

Seven bullets from a .25 caliber automatic pistol cut down Dr. Brewer, about 55, shortly after he entered Flowers' office, Land said. The solicitor quoted a witness as saying Dr. Brewer had placed his hand in a pocket later found to contain a pistol. He was dead on arrival at a hospital.

The shooting apparently had no connection with any NAACP activities on Dr. Brewer's part and no unusual gathering was noted anywhere in this middle Georgia city of 80,000 population. A number of family friends and relatives gathered at the Brewer home. Newsmen were unable to verify a report that police guards were posted at the homes of Dr. Brewer,



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Flowers and Cecil Flowers, a brother of the man being held. Land said he knew nothing about any guards.

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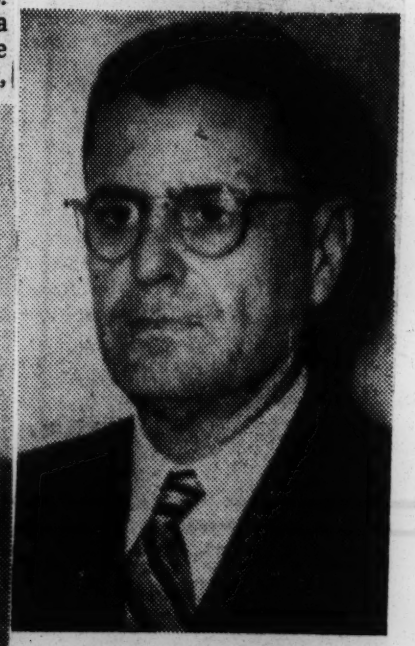

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Muscogee County Republican Committee, had an office on the second floor of the building.

Land said the two had been located in the same building for several years and apparently had acquired a personal dislike for each other over a period of time.

Land said his investigation and incomplete testimony of a witness, a customer who he declined to identify, showed this is what happened:

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Dr. Brewer entered the store shortly after 7 p.m. and went to Flowers' office in the rear. He placed a satchel on Flowers' desk and reached into his pocket. Land said Flowers drew a pistol at this point. Seven shots rang out and Dr. Brewer collapsed.

A .32 caliber pistol was found in the pocket into which Dr. Brewer had reached, Land said.

Doctor-civic leader killed in Ga. store

(Special to the AFRO)

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Lucio Flowers, white, owner of a department store, has been arrested in connection with the killing.

Dr. Brewer, approximately 55 years of age, was shot seven times in the office of the department store owned by Flowers. No definite reason for the shooting was given by Police Chief Mondrief, although speculation in the city was rife.

Some residents laid the shooting to racial difference, others to political disaffection, still others labeled the incident as purely personal.

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IT WAS reliably reported that Dr. Brewer, some two weeks ago, had vigorously opposed an incident of alleged police brutality to a colored man in or near Flowers' store.

The two men were said to have argued about the matter several times in the past two weeks.

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Still a third version said that the issue between the two men was purely personal of an undivulged nature.

E. E. EARLEY, president of the Columbus chapter of the NAACP, said that the murder "had no connection with the NAACP." City officials concurred with this stand.

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UNOFFICIAL COLUMBUS sources said that Flowers, accused in Dr. Brewer's death, was in city hospital suffering from a nervous collapse. Police said that he was under charges, but refused to specify.

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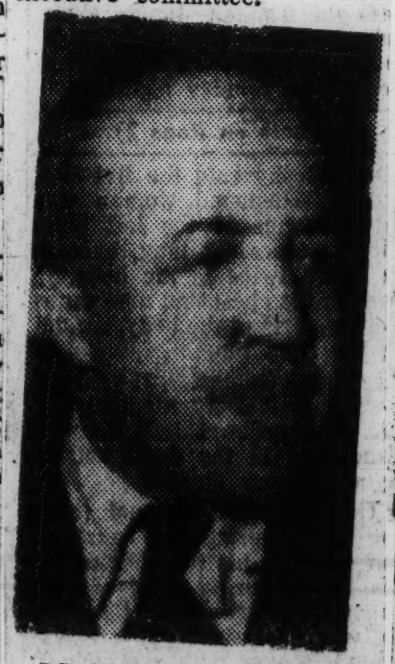

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After completing her training period at the Spelman Seminary School of Nursing, Mrs. Palmer launched her 40-year career as a nurse.

She was associated with the late Dr. C. W. Powell, founder of the William A. Harris Memorial Hospital, and served as supervisor of nurses for several years.

Funeral Rites Wednesday For Mrs. M. A. Jones

MRS. M. A. JONES

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes Jones, a former school teacher in Atlanta for many years will be held at Friendship Baptist church, at Mitchell and Haynes Sts., at 3 p. m., Wednesday. Rev. Samuel W. William will officiate and burial will follow in Southview cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Seller's Brother funeral home, 889 Hunter St. NW., from 12 noon until time for the funeral.

Among survivors are a brother, W. R. Boswell of 58 Leach St. NW., a niece, Mrs. Ellen Ash of New York City and a nephew, William Lyman, also of New York City.

Mrs. Jones, the widow of the late Dr. A. D. Jones, was the first supervisor of elementary schools for Negroes in Atlanta.

Mrs. Jones was a graduate of Atlanta University where she received the MA degree. She was also at one time president of the Ga. Teacher and Education Association. Mrs. Jones also did advanced work at New York University.

She died Oct. 6 in a local hospital where she had been confined for a number of years.

At one time she was an ardent volunteer worker in civic and community organizations. She was also a member of Friendship Baptist church.

John Whittaker, Business Leader, Educator, Is Dead

Daily World Thurs. 9-6-56 P.1

John P. Whittaker, president of Mutual Federal Building and Loan Association, educator and pioneer Atlanta business man, died at a local hospital early Wednesday morning, it has been disclosed. He was 64. His home is at 71 New Castle St., S. W.

The well known business man, civic and community leader had been ill for more than a year.

The distinguished Atlantan was elected to the presidency of Mutual Federal in 1937, a post he held up to the time of his death. Under his administration, the assets of Mutual grew from $5,000 in 1937 to over $10,000,000 where the firm stands at this time.

WAS REGISTRAR

Mr. Whittaker for many years, was one of the top officials at Atlanta University. He served as registrar of that institution from 1929 to 1953 at which time he resigned to devote full time to Mutual Federal.

He was one of the people who worked with the University through its difficult period, from an undergraduate to a graduate school.

Mr. Whittaker was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and attended the elementary school there conducted by Straight College. He also attended Beach Institute in Savannah, Ga., the public schools of Natchez, Miss. and Tuskegee Institute. He graduated from the latter in 1909 and subsequently earned a degree in carpentry in 1910.

Mr. Whittaker later entered Atlanta University where he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915.

His deep interest in athletics and civic work caused him to serve as treasurer of the athletic association, serve on the debating team, and become president of the YMCA.

The late civic and business leader was constantly active, not only in the field of business, but also in the area of education.

He attended the University of Chicago, earning the degree of Bachelor of Science, with a major in chemistry. Later, on a grant from the General Education Board, he studied college administration at Columbia University, this time earning a Master of Arts degree.

SERVED AS DEAN

Mr. Whittaker has also served as dean of Atlanta University. He has taught Latin, civics, algebra physics chemistry and plane geometry in the high school.

The distinguished educator and business man was elected to many local and national offices. For many years, he was a member of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars. He held offices as treasurer, vice president and served as a member of the executive committee.

Mr. Whittaker was called on many times to present professional papers at meetings of the association.

He also served as chairman of a campaign for funds to aid Atlanta University. During one particular drive he raised over $40,000 for the school.

WAS HONORED

For his many achievements in the Atlanta area, Mr. Whittaker was honored by the Atlanta University Alumni Association in 1954. At a special banquet, he was presented a gold watch "indicative of esteem and love and appreciation." The presentation was made by C. R. Yates.

He lived to see many of his efforts grow into substantial realities in the Atlanta community.

He saw the Mutual Federal grow from a small institution to one of the largest of its kind in the country, and be housed in one of the most modern buildings in the South.

He has been honored by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as the "Citizen of the Year," and by the 27 Club as the "Man of the Year."

Time and place of funeral services had not been announced at the time of this writing.

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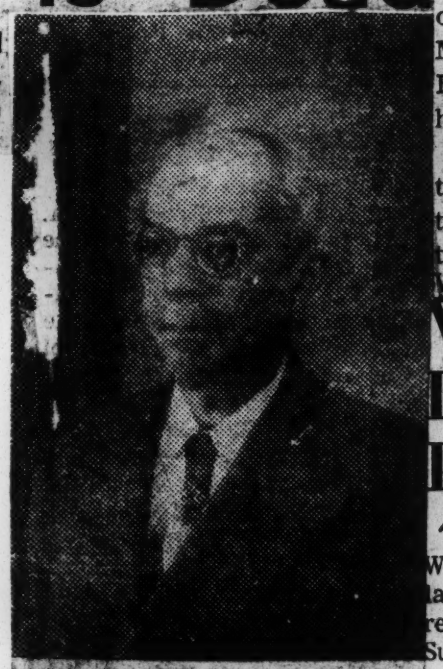

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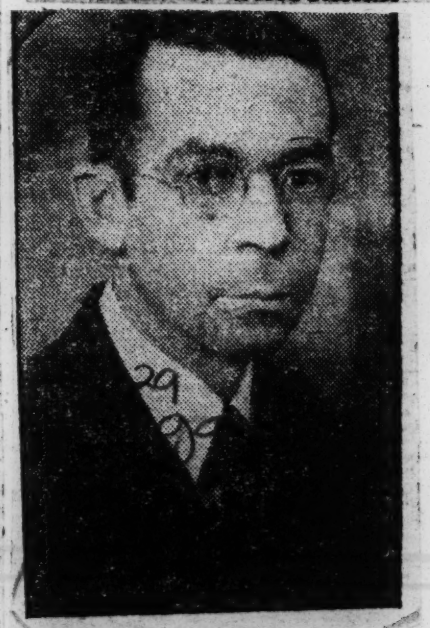

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Courier P. 3 Sept 12-15-56 Pittsburgh Pa.

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Advertiser Mon. 9-10-56 Montgomery, Ala.

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Mr. Whittaker became an instructor in the high school at Atlanta University in 1916 and principal in 1919. In 1924 he was elected dean of the college and continued in this post until Atlanta University became a gruduate and professional institution in 1929, at which time, he became registrar of Atlanta University and Morehouse College. As a member pf the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars, Mr. Whittaker held the offices of treasurers. vice president and president.

An active leader in the religious and civic life of the community, Mr. Whittaker served for more than twenty years as chairman of the board of deacons on the First Congregational Church, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Carrie Steele Pitts Hme, and a member of the board of the Atlanta University Urban League.

On the occasion fo the 75th anniversary of Atlanta University in 1942 he was voted by the alumni as one of the ten outstanding graduates of the University and was honored again at the time of his retirement.

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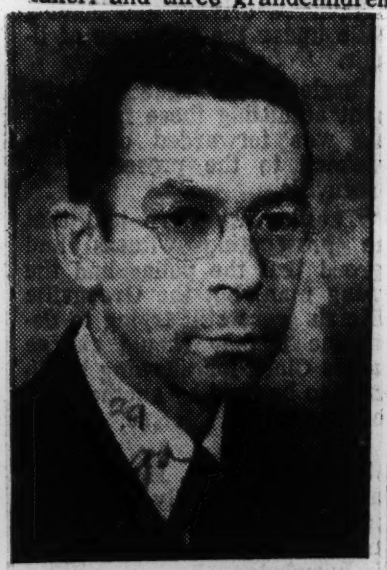

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Eight Thousand At Dr. Brewer's Funeral: "Biggest In 30 Years"

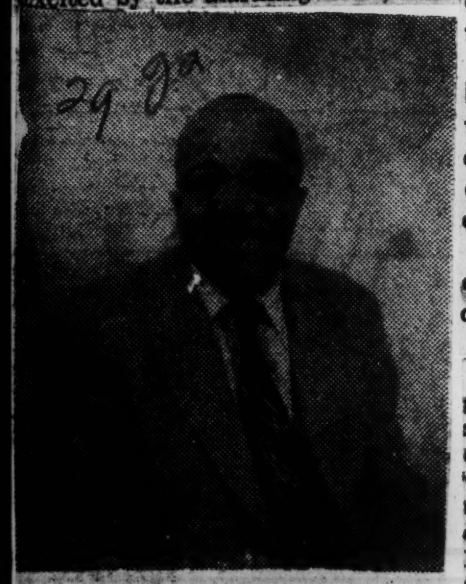
COLUMBUS, Ga. — (SNS)

The man who "figured into almost every gain the Negro has made in this community" was funeralized Tuesday in a unique emotion-packed 30-minute ceremony for which an estimated 8,000 people gathered.

It was the funeral of the 71-year-old past NAACP president, Doctor Thomas H. Brewer, who was shot to death last Saturday by a white Columbus business man. The physician's untimely death came from a blitz of seven bullets triggered by Luico Flowers, a department store owner whose business is located directly under Dr. Brewer's office on 025½ First Avenue.

Thousands of people, a sprinkling of which were white, gathered within a one and two block radius of the church to pay homage to their fallen leader. All streets leading to First African Baptist Church, where the funeral was held, were lined with cars three and four deep.

The overcrowded church sagged under the weight causing a cracking sound as if the gallery at the left front of the church was collapsing. Excited by the alarming noise, hundreds of people inside the building attempted a mass exodus causing minor injury to an elderly lady.



DR. T. H. BREWER

Mary Agnes Jones

In the closing annals of the thinning ranks of pioneer Georgians who figured conspiciously in the field of education and human relations, no name shines more prominently across the lintels of history than that of Mrs. Mary Agnes Jones who was Atlanta's first Negro woman school supervisor.

Back in the primitive stages of slum school quarters, poor and neglected facilities, with the school the last thought of concern among our citizens, it was Mary Agnes Jones who trod the unseemly sections of Atlanta of yesterday championing the cause of better education for Negro children.

The era will some day find its way into the catalog of imperishable thesis having to do with the emergence of better quarters, improved facilities and a more wholesome environment for Negro educational development.

Beginning first as a school teacher in such an environment herself, Mary Agnes Jones was to rise to a place of high esteem and respectability which commended her to the authorities as that person to promote to high official standing.

From the start that demonstration promised answers in every corner and quarter of the South. Still there are those appointed to more responsible places in the arena of school administration.

Atlanta now boasts of a Negro member of the City Board of Education and a regional superintendent, now serving as those first hand contact mediums so necessary to the obtaining those demands and essential requirements indispensible in the effecting of a standard system of first-class personnel and facilities in an educational process.

Mary Agnes Jones well wrote her name on the important corner-stone upon which is now being founded a creditable citadel in Negro education.

Bless her name; peace to her tired ashes.

On behalf of our family and organization, I express our heartfelt sympathy to you on the untimely death of your husband and father, who has done so much good and unselfish service in behalf of the cause of freedom and justice for all. He is now at rest and peace and may God bless you all.

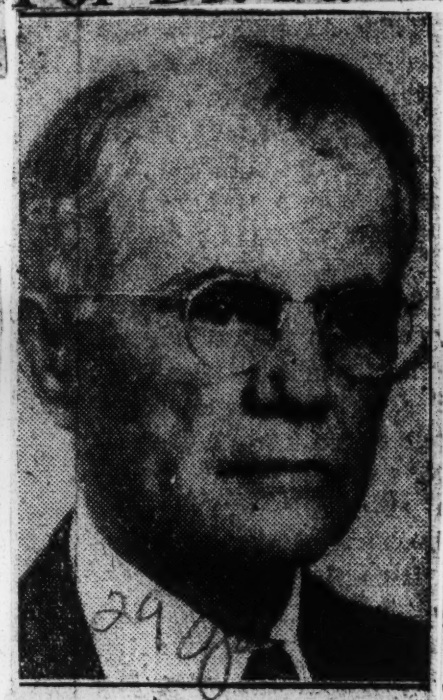
C. A. SCOTT, Publisher
Atlanta Daily World.

World Editor Expresses Grief To Brewer Family

The following telegram was sent Monday to the bereaved family of the late Dr. Thomas H. Brewer, on his slaying Saturday night at Columbus.

Mrs. Thomas H. Brewer,
522 — 18th Street,
Columbus, Georgia.

Rites Held Wednesday For Dr. Fannin S. Belcher



Funeral services for Dr. Fannin S. Belcher, dean of local physicians, were held Wednesday afternoon from the First African Baptist church at which time the following program was rendered:

Processional, "The Perfect Day," First African Baptist Choir; invocation, Rev. John Q. Adams; Scripture, Rev. A. C. Curtright; selection, 'Lead Kindly Light," FAB Choir; resolution, South Atlantic Medical Society, Dr. E. J. Smith; resolution, deacon board, FAB, Dea. J. S. Delaware; resolution, board of trustees, Charity Hospital, E. C. Blackshear; selection, "Beyond The Sunset," Bynes-Royall Funeral Choir; eulogy, Rev. Andrew J. Hargrett; recessional, FAB choir.

Serving as active pallbearers were Dr. B. H. Atkinson, Jr., Dr. Charles N. Collier, Dr. Henry M. Collier, Jr., Dr. Clarence R. Gosha, Dr. Carl R. Jordan, Dr. S. M. McDew, Jr., Dr. R. W. Moore and Dr. J. W. Wilson. The honorary pallbearers were Dr. Melton D. Bryant, Dr. Henry M. Collier, Sr., Dr. S. F. Frazier, Dr. A. S. Lafayette, Dr. Thomas H. Lavender, Dr. Nathaniel Patrick, Dr. E. J. Smith, Dr. I. Damon Williams and Dr. William G. Tyson.

Dr. Belcher, born in Augusta, Ga., on October 24, 1871, was educated at Augusta Grammar School, Haines Institute, Augusta, and at Wake Forest, N. C. He entered Lincoln University in 1891 and was graduated in 1895; served as principal of Eddy High School, Milledgeville, Ga., from 1895-1898. Entering Howard University Medical School, Washington, D. C., in January, 1898, he was graduated in 1902. After a two months' tour of the Far West he returned to the South to establish his practice in Savannah where he received his license on June 11, 1902. He married the late Mamie Elizabeth Sheftall, daughter of Jackson Benjamin Sheftall, long time resident of Savannah, May 19, 1905. They were preparing to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary when Mrs. Belcher passed on February 9, 1955.

Throughout his fifty-three years of practice in Savannah, Dr. Belcher was sponsor of many civic, church and medical projects. During World War I, he organized and was first aid instrutor of the Toussaint L'Ouverture chapter of the American Red Cross as well as chairman of its first Red Cross drive; he served as political chairman of the Colored Division of the Citizen's Club, president of the first chapter of the NAACP and was a charter member in the organization of the Carnegie Library in 1905. He was chairman of the library board for thirty years and a member of the board for forty-six years.

Spearheaded NAACP Fights

Dr. Wm. M. Boyd Dies in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. William Madison Boyd, professor of political science at Atlanta University and state president of the NAACP, died Saturday in a local hospital. He was 39.

Ill for more than a year, Dr. Boyd was on Sabbatical leave. He was suffering with leukemia.

Born in North Carolina, Dr. Boyd was graduated from Talladega College. He studied at the University of Michigan where he earned his master's and doctor of political science degrees. Before coming to Atlanta University, he had taught at Fort Valley State and Talladega Colleges.

A courageous fighter for human rights, Dr. Boyd spearheaded teacher's equalization salary and motor registration drivers. He had been in the forefront in the Horace Ward fight to enter the University of Georgia.

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Dr. William M. Boyd

Recipient of many awards, Dr. Boyd recently was honored as Omega Man of the Year, several years ago he was honored as Atlanta Citizen of the Year. He was a member of the Omega fraternity, and a member of the First Congregational Church. He is survived by his widow, Betty, and two sons, William Jr. and Robert.

Last Rites For Atlantan, 72, Set For Today

The funeral of a well-known Atlanta builder will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at South Atlanta Methodist Church with the pastor Rev. W. B. Meekins, officiating.

William Robert Stafford, 1449 Murray Street, died suddenly Sunday around 8:30 a. m. of heart failure and attendant complications. Death was preceded by a five hour illness. He was 72.

A native of Newnan, Ga., Mr. Stafford came to Atlanta shortly after the turn of the century. He enrolled as a student at the old Clark University in 1906 and has lived here ever since.

The pioneer Atlanta carpenter was married to the former Miss Beatrice Hinton in 1910. During the early years after his marriage, he was employed as cabinet maker for Clark University. Later he joined the Foote and Davis Company as cabinet maker. He was foreman of construction teams that constructed many homes here.

Among immediate survivors are his wife, Mrs. Stafford; two daughters, Miss Zenovia Constance Stafford and Mrs. Beatrice R. Stafford Robinson; one son, Gamalial H. Stafford, all of Atlanta; and Mrs. Pallas Brassel, a cousin of Newnan, Ga.

The remains will lie in state at South Atlanta Methodist Church where Mr. Stafford was an active member from 10 a. m. until the hour of the funeral. The body will not be viewed after the service. Interment will be held at South View Cemetery with Marcellus Thornton Funeral Home in charge.

Funeral Rites Paid Dr. Boyd Lawrence

By THOMAS J. FLANAGAN

Final rites were paid Dr. W. Boyd Lawrence, presiding elder of the Marietta District of the North Georgia Conference yesterday at Big Bethel AME Church on Auburn Avenue. The time was 1:00 P. M.

Dr. W. B. Clarke, presiding elder of the Athens Georgia District officiated.

The outstanding churchman had been one of the most active ministers in the AME Church He had been hospitalized since February. He died early Friday morning at Harris Memorial Hospital.

Bishop Sherman L. Greene, presiding prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District delivered the eulogy.

Bishop Greene called Dr. Lawrence, "one who had in the white horse stag made that intellectual preparation so necessary for the grooming of a plumed Knight and one shod with the preparation of the gospel."

The Bishop said his work brought out the warring qualities of the veteran who had "withstood the scars and rigors of battle and had ridden to victory on the wave of conquest and struggle."

Bishop Greene, paid tribute to the minister as one who had done a "great service for the church, his community and his country."

John Henry Newman's 'Lead Kindly Amid Encircling Gloom" was to shed its rhythmic brilliancy through that unforgettable Eulogy, said by Bishop Sherman Lawrence Greene in the last sad rites for the late Dr. William Boyd Lawrence, at Big Bethel AME Church Monday.

This immortal quote presaged the scriptorial text from Rev. 6-7, which he used to divide into four spans the life of man, likened unto the four horsemen John emploved in his Revelations.

"Servant of God Well Done" that crowning victory hymn that has consigned many a hero to lasting peace, was softly chanted by the Big Bethel Choir ,as the keynote to the sad occasion which had arrived for the last testament of that scarred veteran of many conflicts who served his state, his church and his nation so long.

The triumph of an April day, whose dogwood blooms had left the forest lanes to join in the celebration as wtinesses to a great homegoing was highly evident in spring's richest robings.

Rev. W. B. L. Clarke, Presiding Elder of the Athens District, AME Church was Master of Ceremonies. Dr. D. W. Wiggs, P. E. Rome District and Dr. J. F. Moses of the Cosmopolitan AME Church read hymns appropriate to the occasion.

Mrs. Laura Hall, Pioneer Citizen, Succumbs Here

On Sunday, March 25, at 8:30 a. m., death came to one of Atlanta's pioneer citizens. On this beautiful Palm Sunday morning, Mrs. Laura Franklin Hall, died after many decades of abundant living.

Through her own work as a school teacher, missionary worker, lecturer and good neighbor, and through the wok of her distinguished children, her name has become synonymous with all that is fine in motherhood and educational and christian leadership.

She was not only a mother to her own five children, but was known as "Mother" Hall by hundreds of other Atlanta children.

Mrs. Hall has not been ill, but had been inactive during recent years because of her age.

The body will be at the residence, 261 Ashby St., N. W., Wednesday afternoon and will not lie in state at the church. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 2:30 p. m., at Allen Temple AME Church. Complete funeral plans will be carried in the Wednesday edition of The Atlanta Daily World.

Her children are: Miss Mabel F. Hall, Mrs. Rosa Hanley, Miss Julia Hall, Mrs. Ruth Hall Hodges and Dr. Frederick Hall.

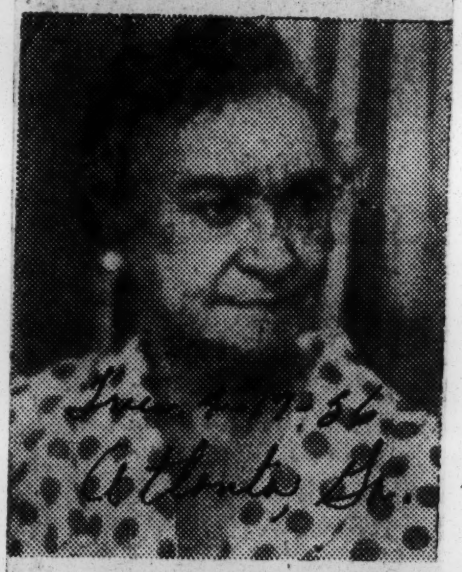
Negro Insuror Dies

AUGUSTA, March 27 (AP)—Walter S. Hornsby Sr., a Negro leader here, died Tuesday after a heart attack. He was 76.

He was one of five founders of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Co., which has assets of nearly $9 million and has more than $55 million insurance in force.

A trustee of Paine College here, Hornsby headed a real estate company which invested more than a million dollars in low-rent housing for Negroes in Augusta.

Dr. Viola Hill, Morris Brown College Professor, Dies



Dr. Viola J. Hill, chairman of the Division of Language, Literature, and Art of Morris Brown College passed Monday, April 16, at McLendon Hospital.

An alumnus of Morris Brown, she served her Alma Mater faithfully and unstintingly since 1929. She received the Ph. D. degree in English in 1937 at Indiana University.

The body will remain at the Haugabrooks Funeral Home until Wednesday, after which funeral services will be held at high noon, at Radcliffe Memorial Presbyterian Church. Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris Brown College, will deliver the eulogy.

Three of the social clubs in which Dr. Hill was active are he JAM's.

Walter S. Hornsby

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"From little acorns, spring massive oaks" could handsomely have meant that group of young Georgians, near threescore years ago who assembled in an humble dwelling house and drew up the blue-print of what today is one of the most outstanding financial racial structures in America — The Pilgrim Life and Health Insurance Company.

Sat. 3-31-56

The city of Augusta marked this historic setting and the cast comprised those devout men of vision and integrity who thought among themselves they could do for their people what such institutions were doing for other people. Walter S. Hornsby who passed this week at his home in Augusta was one of these men.

With practically no technical training in the insurance business and with the bedrock of honesty and opportunity, coupled with service, their only guide, they set out "upon honor" in what to them and their time, a solo flight, with no charts and compasses.

In a few years, their idea massed into an institution and that institution has told its own story best and across the land and footprints of these pioneers have stirred thousands. In the death of Walter Hornsby, the last of the surviving clan passes on to his fathers. Up to the time of his sudden death, he was at his post of duty, carrying on as he set out.

From that humble shanty where the Pilgrim Life was born sprang a modern housing project, worth millions as it furnishes modern and wholesome housing facilities for thousands of the race.

Atlanta, Ga.

Walter Hornsby rather lives in deeds. The thousands of families his company relieved, the lucrative jobs and opportunities afforded his people and the benefits derived from effort and thrift which will inure to generations are his best testimonies and the most handsome memorial to Walter Hornsby.

Therefore, words would not be the medium through which we hand to civilization and pass on to posterity, the rugged stalwart, the happy warrior and noble benefactor of mankind to come.

Pilgrim president dies of heart attack

Afro-American P. 19

Sat. 4-7-56

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Walter S. Hornsby Jr., president and last surviving co-founder of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company, died March 26 of a heart attack.

He and four others established the company 58 years ago. Mr. Hornsby born in Blythe, was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of human letters 12 years ago.

Baltimore, Md.

He was a member of the advisory committee of the Gwinnett St. branch of the Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust Company and a partner in the Hornsby—McCoy Realty Company.

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HE WAS FORMERLY president of the National Insurance Association and the Georgia Negro Chamber of Commerce and a Paine College trustee.

He was also chairman of the board of trustees of Antioch Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie B. Hornsby; a son, Walter S. Horsnby Jr., vice president and treasurer of the Pilgim company and three daughters, Misses Charlotte, Jean and Waltene Horsnby, all of Augusta.

WALTER S. HORNSBY

Funeral Services Held For Atlanta Univ. Professor

Daily World P.1

Sat. 6-9-56

Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Vishnu D. Gokhale, chairman of the department of mathematics at Atlanta University, died suddenly on June 1 in Atlanta. President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University conducted the funeral services which were held on June 2 in the Greenwood Cemetery. Dr. Gokhale was 64

A native of Poona, India, Dr. Gokhale received his high school and college education in Poona, receving the B. A. degree from Ferguson College, the Univ. of Bombay in 1911 and the M. A. degree in 1913. He did further postgraduate work in mathematics at the University of Chicago in 1922.

Dr. Gokhale had been a member of the Atlanta University faculty since 1930. He had taught at Ferguson College and the University of Chicago downtown college and in the University of the Philippines where he was professor of mathematics when he was granted a leave of absence to come to the United States in 1946. For four years he was lecturer in mathematics in Rutgers University and the State University of New Jersey.

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Atlanta, Ga.

During the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, he was active in the underground resistance movement.

He is survived by his widow, the former Pilar Garces and two brothers and two sisters who live in Poona.

John Phillip Whittaker

Daily World P.4

"Seest thou a man — diligent in his business,
He shall stand before kings." — Proverbs.

Atlanta, Ga.

The passing of Professor John P. Whittaker of this city, a former educator and prominent business man, removes from the educational and business circles one of the most unique characters of this generation.

Coming to this state and city to attend Atlanta University from which he graduated in the footsteps of his illustrious father, he has been felt in the civic, educational and religious life ever since.

Mon. 6-7-56

Having graduated from Tuskegee, where his father was engaged in teaching in the Phelps Theological school for ministers, he further persued his educational search at Atlanta University, Chicago University and Columbia.

Devoting his first mature years to the profession of teaching, he made a wholesome contribution to the faculty of Atlanta University

29 Ga.

Here he labored in the department of science and upon the affiliation of Atlanta University with sister colleges in the city he served as Registrar with distinction of the University System.

At a time when men retire from an active educational career, Mr. Whittaker launched a business career — quite a removal from the chores of educational processes. He took on the Atlanta Mutual Building, Loan and Savings Association which later became the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association. It has been one of the foremost financial institutions of its kind in the entire area.

He lived to see the Mutual well on the way to permanency and upstanding in its circles with an array of young people around its helm, efficiently trained for the carrying on of the concern.

Unfortunately for him, the transition and its rigid chores proved too much and under its stress and tension, his health failed at the high-tide of what promised to be one of the most celebrated chapters in the annals of racial finance of this century.

Truly, Mr. Whittaker was a friend to man; he loved people and few men came more closely to the heart-strings of the youth educated after the turn of the century.

In spite of his marvelous rise in the financial world, few will accord such as a higher significance than his labors at Atlanta University, which institution he more nearly personified than any of its disciples.

This was his first love, and along with such illustrious characters as the late Edward Twitchell Ware, Myron Winslow Adams and Edgar H. Webster, he belongs to the immortals and the ages.

It was during the trying days of the closing of the college work at Atlanta University that he undertook to increase the endowment and hold the grand old institution for our posterity. He traveled in every important center in the United States; everywhere being accorded audiences with the celebrates, the Yale school-mates of Edmund Asa Ware, who brought about such marvelous changes in the physical structure and academic expansion of Atlanta University.

A rich chapter in educational and financial achievements by him passes on to history for the information and inspiration of youth. He will be blessed for his sweet temperament, his quick and soothing sympathy, his soft-spoken words of counsel and comfort.

He belongs to the ages.

Floyd Snelson Dies In France

Defender Sat. 1-21-56 P.1

Chicago Ill.

CANNES, France — Floyd Grant, Snelson, nationally known newspaper man and world traveler, died here Monday, victim of an explosion believed to have been caused by a defective gas line leading to an apartment, he had subleased from Jay Clifford, a friend. Clifford was vacationing in Monte Carlo at the time of the tragedy.

Following the explosion Snelson was rushed to Broussailles hospital where he died three days later. The apartment was completely wrcked and all clothing burned to shreds.

The explosion, which occurred last Saturday, threw Snelson from his bed into an adjoining hall where his head struck a railing.

Snelson, the son of an AME minister, the late Rev. Floyd Grant Snelson, sr., of Chicago was born in Columbus, Ga. The family moved to Massachusettes when Floyd was very young. He was graduated from Ridge Manuel High school in Cambridge and later attended Wilberforce university in Ohio.

The family later moved to Chicago where the Rev. Snelson, sr., became active in AME church circles. He was sent to Africa as a missionary in the early twenties.

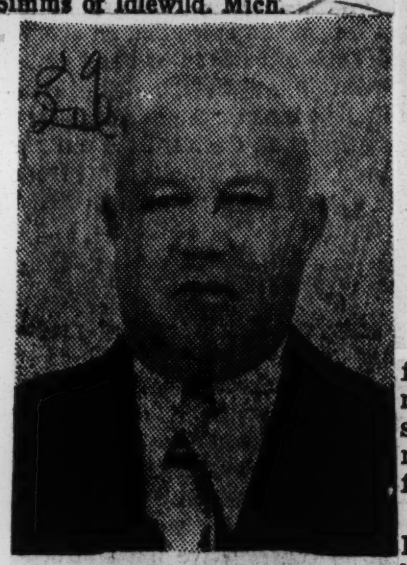
Chicago Ill

Floyd Snelson, jr., became active in newspaper work while a young man. He was at one time New York editor of the Chicago Defender and wrote feature articles for numerous magazines and other publications.

In 1920 along with Seamore Jordan, a Chicagoan, he formed the New York Tattler, first of the gossip sheets that was done in color. He was journalism's first "keyhole peeper", an art that has been elaborated on by many columnists including Walter Winchell in recent years.

When World War I broke out, Snelson joined the Navy, spending most of his time aboard ship. During World War II he became a civil service employe of the navy transport division. After the war he was given employment on the USS America as an elevator operator. This, plus his war time ocean travels carried him across two oceans more than 170 times.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Snelson-Carter and three sisters, Mrs. LaUrsa Hedrick, Mrs. Arnella Evans and Mrs. Blydena Simms of Idlewild. Mich.



FLOYD SNELSON

Mrs. Harriet Egerton Walls

At 92 She Was Last Living Mother of an AMEZ Bishop

Courier P.12 Sat. 6-2-56

Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHICAGO—Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet Edgerton Walls, mother of Bishop William Jacob Walls, senior Bishop of the AME Zion Church, were held at Chicago's Greater Walters AME Zion Church, with Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw of Wilmington, N. C., officiating.

Mrs. Walls, who had for a number of years been the only living mother of a Bishop in the AME Zion Church, died in her home in Chicago, several days after celebrating her 92nd birthday.

Several hundred persons, including bishops, general officers, ministers, district workers and laity of other demoninations crowded the church to pay last tribute to the 92-year-old woman who was known throughout the AME Zion denomination as "Mother Walls," and, in 1955 was selected as "Mother of the Year" in the Missionary Seer.

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Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood of the Seventh Episcopal District, delivered the eulogy. Telegrams of sympathy were received and acknowledged by Bishop C. Ewbank Tucker of Louisville, Ky.

In all, eight bishops of the Zion Church participated in the services. They included Bishop Daniel C. Pope, resident bishop of the West Gold Coast, Africa; Bishop Raymond L. Jones of Salisbury, N. C.; Bishop Hampton T. Medford of Washington, D. C.; Bishop William C. Brown of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bishop Walter W. Slade of Charlotte, N. C.; Bishop C. Ewbank Tucker of Louisville, Ky.; Bishop Herbert B. Shaw of Wilmington, N. C., and Bishop C. C. Coleman of Mobile, Ala., as well as general officers of the denomination.

Mrs. Walls was born in Rutherford County, N. C., in 1864, little more than a year after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and less than a year before he was assassinated.

She married Edward Walls of Rockingham, when she was 18, but eight years later he was killed in an accident.

Mrs. Walls had lived in Asheville, N. C., until her four children were through high school. Bishop Walls was her only son; of her three daughters, Daisy, a school teacher, died after a short illness. Surviving beside Bishop Walls, an aunt, Mrs. Ella Brooks of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. Mazie Noble of Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Anna Taylor of Chicago.

During her later years, or her last 26 years in Chicago, Mrs. Walls resided with Bishop Walls, who recently celebrated his 71st birthday.

Mrs. Walls specialized in raising funds for orphans in India, South America, Africa and the Virgin Islands. She was interested in children's work in the community, and the church, being associated with Mrs. J. Worthy Fisher of Chicago in organizing children's classes, and leading them to the communion.

Burial was in Lincoln Cemetery in Chicago.

Difference Up North

If young Joseph Clayton, the distinguished Chicago lawyer, who came to an untimely death last week, had stayed in his native Texas, he would never have become attorney general of that state although he had all the skills, qualities and intelligence required for the job.

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Somewhat sensing this, Mr. Clayton's parents took him to Chicago at an early age. He studied law.

A somewhat smallish, friendly man, few people suspected, when he was a student, that he was going to have before him the brilliant career in his profession which ended with his death.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

His notable victories in the courts won him fame far and wide. He richly deserved it. This would not have come to him in Texas.

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Generally, he was overshadowed by his wife, Atty. Edith Sampson, first Negro to serve as alternate U. S. delegate to the United Nations. But not in his profession. There even his distinguished wife bowed to this emigrant son of Texas who wore himself out in the cause of justice.

Sandy Burns, 72, Comedian, Dies

Courier P.1 Sat 11-3-56

CHICAGO (ANP) — Death quietly claimed Arthur Burns last week, bringing to an end the illustrious career of one of the greatest comedians of American show business.

The 72-year-old comic died in the home of two other entertainers, "Butterbeans and Susie."

Known to entertainment as "Sandy Burns," he was born in Houston, Tex., where a lone relative, his sister, Mrs. Jessie Jessica, still lives.

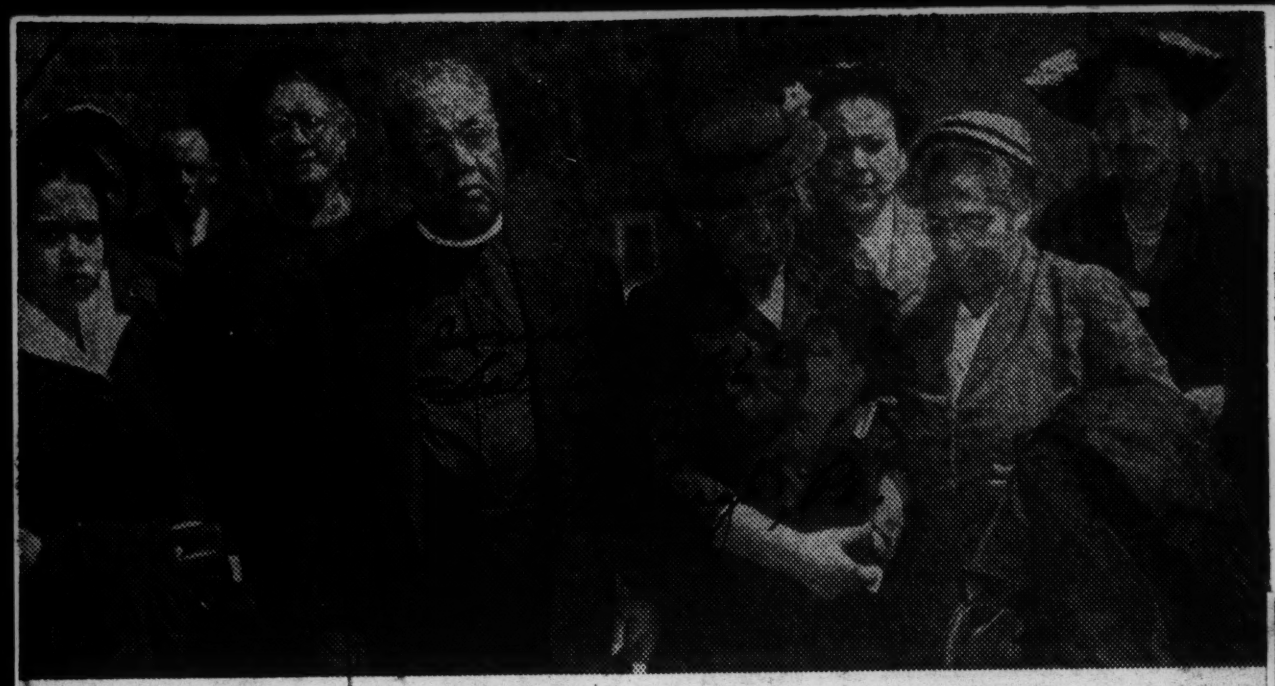
Former Policewoman Dies After Illness

Courier P.8 Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Funeral services were held last week for Mrs. Mary E. Howell, a former Chicago policewoman who died last Monday in Cook County Hospital after a lingering illness. Mrs. Howell was 62.

Services were held at Nazareth Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Hopkins delivering the eulogy. Burial was in Lincoln cemetery.

Mrs. Howell was born in Atlanta, Ga., and came to Chicago in 1920 after attending Atlanta University. She was active in politics and worked with the Chicago public library after serving for 15 years on the police department.



Sadness—Bishop William J. Walls, senior Bishop of the AME Zion Church arrives at the funeral of his 92-year-old mother at Greater Walters AME Zion Church, Chicago, Ill. Left to right: Dorothy Jordan, secretary of Bishop Walls and Bureau of Public Relations in New York City; Mrs. Ella Brooks of New York City and sister of the deceased; Bishop Walls, Mrs. Anna Taylor of Chicago and sister of Bishop Walls, Mrs. Sarline McQueen of Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. King of Chicago and Mrs. (Dr.) Henry C. Welcome of Baltimore, Md.

Noted Minister, 83, Mourned

By METZ T. P. LOCHARD

One of Chicago's most civic minded clergymen and an ardent champion of struggling causes goes to his eternal rest Tuesday.

Rev. Joseph Evans will be buried Tuesday from the church he mdae famous by opening its doors to accommo-

date his multiplicity of interests and his broad view of the functions of a church.

It can be expected therefore that at 1 p. m. when the services begin persons representing a cross-section of Chicago life will be on hand to pay him tribute.

After weeks of lingering illness, death came to Dr. Evans whose pastorate of the People's Church of Christ and the Metropolitan curc from 10 p. m. unil 1 p. m. Community Center at 4100 South Park, spans 26 years Wednesday.

The body will lie in state at the church from 10 p. m. until 1 p. m. Tuesday, when funeral services will be held.

Dr. Evans took charge of the People's church in 1930 and continued its program of religious advancement and civic betterment that had already been set in motion by his predecessor.

Evans' fame, however, came when he began integrating his church work with the social issues that plagued his communicants as well as the world around them.

Chicago was in the throes of the depression. The national economy was sagging; there was mass unemployment; and, the Windy City had its share of bread lines, evictions and incidental sufferings. The situation was critical, dark.

Evans prayed and worked night and day in an herculean effort to bring material relief and spiritual comfort to the needy.

Perhaps no other minister had concerned himself so consciously and so effectively as he with the ever pressing problems of this community.

His political orientation was that of a liberal and he welcomed sought his counsel. His undergraduate studies in the social sciences at Morris Brown university may have led him to a course of social action that few men of the cloth would have countenanced.

Political economy was not a serious subject of study in American colleges until considerably after the Civil War. Most men were too busy developing the economy of the country to concern themselves

Consequently the first course in this field was taught for the part by doctors of divinity wh sought to fit political economy into he all-embracing scheme f their world theology. Evans, without a doubt, was an illustrious product of their teachings.

While no fanatic, he could not acquiesce in mere palliation. Because he early came to understand the reasons for the failure of political reform, he did not, like so many of his fellow churchmen, either resort to the flesh-pots of the status quo or take flight into the obscurity of inaction.

Instead he developed inductively the thesis that it was special privilege which bred corruption and not the reverse. Like Moses he had looked into the future and found it good.

As he would say: "Wrong may seem to triumph. Right may seem to be defeated. But the gravitation of eternal justice is toward the throne of God. Any political institution which is to enfure must be plumb with that line of justice."

Above all he knew that we were living on the thin edge of history. Many respected his honest idealism and valued him as a goad stinging the social conscience of our complacent public.

He would have suffered martyrdom rather than compromise his conscience. His role was that of an educator who has had an enormous influence in changing the premises of popular thinking and political discussion.

REV. JOSEPH EVANS

A. N. Gordon Medic, 62 Years Dies

Funeral services were held last week in Chicago for Dr. Adolphus N. Gordon, 86, who died of a heart attack, one week after undergoing major surgery.

Dr. Gordon, who was graduated from Meharry Medical college in 1894, practiced medicine for 28 years in Augusta, Ga., before coming to Chicago, where he had 34 years of practice.

He was born in Charleston, S. C. in 1870 and took his initial college training at Clark university in Atlanta.

For 10 years Dr. Gordon donated medical services to the Progressive Baptist Benevolent society and to the Order of Eastern Stars.

HAD TWO SONS

He was a member of Omega Phi Psi fraternity, a past master of Masonry, a Shriner and a patron of the Eastern Stars. He was also a member of the Cook county medical society, the Prairie View and National Medical societies.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Adolphus N. Gordon, jr., and Barefield Gordon.

Services were held at St. Mark's AME church, with interment at Lincoln cemetery.

Dr. Carlson Dies; Expert On Nutrition

CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (AP)—Dr. Anton Julius Carlson, one of the most colorful figures in medical research, died today of cancer at the age of 81.

Dr. Carlson

He was Herbert Hoover's nutrtion expert in feeding millions of Europeans after World War I, and was consultant to the Army on packaged rations during World War II.

The Swedish-born scientist headed the University of Chicago Physiology Department from 1916 to 1929, and thereafter was Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus.

He fasted once for 15 days with a balloon in his stomach to test his theories about hunger contractions. He existed two weeks on World War II "K" rations—but didn't like them. His early research on diabetes helped pave the way for manufacture and common use of insulin.

Dr. Carlson's work also dealt with alcoholism and the aging processes of man.

In 1953, he received the American Medical Association distinguished service gold medal and was voted humanitarian of the year.

Dr. Carlson caused a sensation in the medical world in 1926 when he cross-examined Serge Voronoff during a Stockholm medical meeting on a paper claiming rejuvenation of humans through transplantation of monkey glands.

Dr. Carlson contended that most modern men have little more scientific know-how than those of the Stone Age, but have merely adjusted to an environment improved by the scientific few.

As late as last year, he wrote in the journal of the American Medical Association: "The great mass of the people of our age, even in the most enlightened countries, in their thinking and their motivation, are nearly as untouched by the spirit of science, and as innocent of the understanding of science, as was the Pekin Man. The Pekin Man is estimated to have lived nearly one million years ago.

Henry Brown, Defender Cartoonist, Is Buried

Defender Sat. 1-14-56 p. 3
Chicago, Ill.

The nation's newspaper fraternity lost one of its best known and popular members, with the death early Sunday morning of Henry Brown, noted artist, cartoonist and illustrator, who succumbed at his home, 7228 South Parkway, after an illness of a month.

Henry Brown

A native of Greenville, Miss., Brown came to Chicago at an early age and had resided here more than 35 years. He received his primary education at Doolittle school, 35th and Rhodes and it was there that he first showed the talent that later was to make him famous. As a youngster, some of his drawings were displayed on the school's bulletin board and he was encouraged to take up art as a career.

After completing Wendell Phillips High school course, Brown enrolled at the Chicago Art Institute, and following his graduation there, went to New York City for further study. In 1930, he joined the Art department of the Chicago Defender and was assigned to make the lay-outs and draw sketches for Abbott's Monthly magazine. At that time he worked with Editors Albert Barnett, the late Lucius C. Harper and the late Dewey Roscoe Jones.

Later, Brown was both cartoonist and writer for the Chicago Defender, and as a free lance artist, did work for the Associated Negro Press and a number of national magazines.

Brown and his wife, Mrs. Henrieen Brown, had planned to take a Caribbean cruise this month, but his illness caused the trip to be postponed. He entered Wesley Memorial hospital for treatment several weeks ago. He was released two weeks ago and was thought to be improving up to the time of his sudden death Sunday.

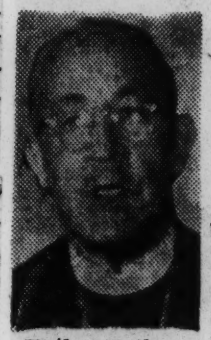
The wake was held Wednesday night at the Miller and Major mortuary, 63rd and Evans, and the funeral was held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5, at Corpus Christi Roman Catholiic church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Besides the widow, Henrieen, survivors iinclude a sister, Mrs. Lillian Rice; a brother, James; an uncle, Reuben Ware, of Ontario, Canada and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bury Father Suthern, Auto Crash Victim

Defender p. 2
Sat. 1-14-56
Chicago, Ill.

Final rites for Father William B. Suthern, 76-year-old-rector of Chicago's St. Thomas Episcopal church, were held last week in the church at 3801 Wabash ave.



Father Suthern

Father Suthern succumbed in Henrotin hospital to injuries suffered in an auto accident Jan. 2 at the intersection of Erie and Halsted sts. He had been rector since 1931 and would have observed his 50th year in the priesthood on June 6.

Father Suthern suffered fatal injuries when he was thrown from an auto which was in a collision with another.

A graduate of Harvard university and the Bishop Payne divinity school, the rector was ordained in 1906.

Before coming to Chicago he had filled pastorates in Cleveland, Hartford, Conn., Wilmington, N. C. and Fayetteville, N. C.

Surviving him are his widow, Maudina; a daughter, Margaret, and a son, Orin, professor of music at Lincoln (Pa.) university.

Prescott Rites Held In Chicago

Defender
Sat. 1-14-56 p. 2
Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine B. Prescott, 84, were held Friday, Jan. 6, at St. Anselm church, 6045 S. Michigan ave.

Mrs. Prescott, well-known Southside business woman and civic leader, succumbed Wednesday in Presbyterian hospital to a stroke suffered on New Year's Day. She was the widow of the late Patrick B. Prescott, deputy coroner who died in 1951.

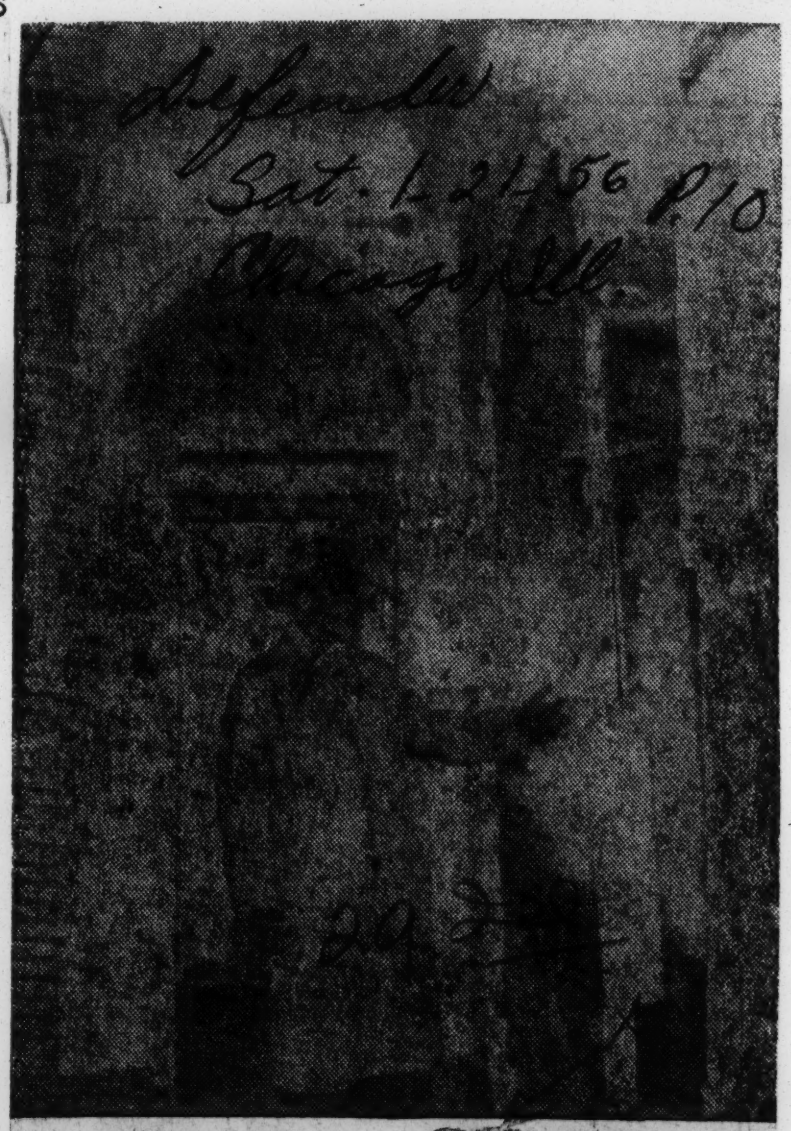
Originally from New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott came to Chicago after World War I. In New Orleans, Prescott had been a leading caterer, and Mrs. Prescott operated a dressmaking establishment.

When the couple came to Chicago, he entered politics and she opened a dress shop in the Hyde Park district. She later served as designer for dress shops in the Loop.

In 1929, Mrs. Prescott assisted in the original renting of the Rosenald apartments. She retired from the apartments in 1937. Since her retirement she had been active in civic, social and political events.

Her political bent came naturally, for her father, James C. Bauman, was a political leader in Louisiana during the Reconstruction Period. He once served as mayor and judge of Kenna, La. Later, he became collector of customs in New Orleans.

Surviving Mrs. Prescott are three sons, James C. of 6450 South Park; Benjamin of 61 E. 46th st. and John Parker, director of management with the Public Housing Administration in New York; one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Prescott Hutchinson, 837 E. 65th st., two sisters and a brother.



Defender
Sat. 1-21-56 p. 10
Chicago, Ill.

JAY CLIFFORD arrives in Cannes, France, from Monte Carlo to find his apartment destroyed by explsion that killed veteran newsman Floyd Snelson. Clifford had sublet apartment to Snelson, Blast, which wrecked three apartments, occurred when Snelson struck a match in gas filled room. (See story, front page)

MRS. MARY COLE (left) is assisted by Marshall Bynum (r) of Jackson Funeral Home as she enters Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist church for the funeral of her husband, Robert A. Cole, chairman of board of directors, Metropolitan Mutual Assurance co. of Chicago. Following are other members of the Cole family. The fabulous "King" Cole died of a heart attack.

Cole Death Not To Affect Met; Thousands At Rites

The death of Robert A. Cole, wealthy founder and board chairman of the Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance Association, will not, for the time being, result in a change in policy or operation of the company, one of the nation's largest insurance firms.

Cole died July 28 in Chicago's Wesley Memorial hospital, of a heart attack following an operation.

T. P. Harris, elected president of the company last January when Cole was elevated to board chairman, said that Cole's position would remain vacant until the January 1957, meeting of stockholders.

Funeral services for the 73-year-old insurance tycoon, once described as one of America's richest Negroes, were held last week at Pilgrim Baptist church, where he was a long-time member. His body was entombed in the family mausoleum in Lincoln cemetery.

Intimates of Cole called him "The King". He was known to have lived a fabulously big life, rising from pullman porter to head of an insurance firm that has $75 million of insurance in force. "King" Cole was big in every way and his funeral bespoke that bigness.

Some 2,000 persons crowded the auditorium of Pilgrim Baptist church to witness final services. They included some of Chicago's most influential church, business and political leaders. Many were from out of town.

About 100 expensive floral pieces decorated the front of the church.

Outside the church 300 or more curious on-lookers watched as Cole's widow, Mrs. Mary Cole, and her two children, Robert, jr., and Roberta, alighted from a sleek black Cadillac limousine, and entered the church sobbing almost hysterically. An hour later, at 12 noon, church services ended and relatives and close friends and business executives followed Cole's hearse to the cemetery.

More than 50 cars were in the procession. Most of them were black Cadillac limousines.

Officiating at the services was Rev. J. C. Austin, jr., but it was his father, J. C. Austin, sr., who shook the rafters as he delivered the eulogy praising Cole "for founding, with the sweat of his brow," the Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance company, and Metropolitan Funeral Parlor, one of the largest funeral homes in the country, sometimes handling as many as five funerals daily.

Tribute was paid Cole by Maceo Walker, national president of the National Insurance Association, and Robert H. Miller, general secretary of the National Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association.

T. P. Harris, president of the insurance company Cole founded 28 years ago — in 1928 — said Cole stood "as a monument to free enterprise."

In delivering the obituary Rev. Archibald Carey, jr., former alternate delegate to the U. N., summed up Cole's life in two sentences: "Robert Cole was born a Negro boy in the South (Tennessee) without civil rights. Yet he became a millionaire and demonstrated that the great American dream is no more dream."

The invocation was given by Rev. Clarence Cobb, pastor of the First Church of Deliverance. Congressman William L. Dawson, who was scheduled to attend, and Mayor Daley, telegramed condolences.

Three popular singing artists rendered selections. They were Etta Moten of "Porgy and Bess" fame; Theodore Charles Stone, Chicago Defender music critic and Mrs. Mary Frances Crowley.

Active pallbearers included some of the city's important names in Chicago business and professional circles. They were George S. Harris, investment officer of Chicago Metropolitan Assurance company; Truman K. Gibson, sr., board chairman of Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company; John H. Sengstacke, publisher and editor of the Defender; Ald. Ralph Metcalfe, John H. Johnson, president of Johnson Publications; Earl B. Dickerson, president of Supreme Liberty; Dr. Walter S. Grant, James C. Martin, civic figure, Ernest Morris, restauranteur, and A. W. Williams, president of Unity Mutual Insurance company.

Among officiating morticians were Marshall F. Bynum, J. D. Link, A. A. Rayner, sr., of Chicago; T. H. Hayes, R. S Lewis and S. W. Qualls, of Memphis and Rep. Charles C. Diggs of Detroit.

Rev. Richard C. Keller, chaplain of Metropolitan funeral parlors, and pastor of Beth Eden Baptist church, was scheduled to deliver the scripture lesson but was unable to attend when bad weather grounded his plane at Camp McCoy, Wisc., where he is on maneuvers with the 178th Regimental Combat Team.

Not in recent years had so many luxury-living persons been in Pilgrim Baptist church at one time, and Rev. Austin took advantage of the moment.

"As sure as Robert Alexander Cole breathed," said Austin, "he had to work. It was a part of his nature. By the sweat of his brow, he ate honest bread."

Stick-pinned, diamond - ringed business executives leaned forward in their pews. Some squirmed a little as Austin continued, but he was Cole's minister and this was his eulogy to Cole.

"Many of you have laughed in the face of the ministry and have denounced the church. On Sunday you find every place to go except church. Someday you will learn that security is not in the bankbook, insurance or assurance — but in God."

Mrs. Cole, in black dress and wearing an orchid, sat mute thru most of the service, crying out a few times

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were John Roxborough, John White, Irving Roan, Edward Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diggs, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Carter Jones of Detroit.

Arna Bontemps, Fisk university librarian, attended from Nashville.

In 1873, the Rev. Mr. Evans showed marked interest in religious activity early in his youth.

After graduating from Morris Brown University in Atlanta, he entered Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce, Ohio, and was graduated with high honors.

He was active in NAACP affairs, Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, Chicago Urban League, YMCA, American Bible Society and Roosevelt University Fund-Raising Committee.

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DR. EVANS came to Chicago in 1930 following a successful pastorate of the Metropolitan Community Church in Detroit.

Surviving are a brother, Charles; two sons, Joseph W. and Lawrence E.; three grandchildren, Robert L., Lawrence W. and Wyola.

Rev. J. W. Evans Leading' Chi' Minster Is Laid to Rest

CHICAGO—One of this city's distinguished ministers was laid to rest in Burr Oak Cemetery as thousands mourned his death.

He was the Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Evans, pastor of the People's Church of Christ and the Metropolitan Community Center, located in the South Side.

The Rev. Mr. Evans died in Billings Hospital from chronic anemia. He was 83 years old.

BORN IN Union County, Ohio,

Bury 12 Chicago Railroad Men Killed In Crash

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Twelve Negro trainmen killed when the Santa Fe Chief crashed into a mail train near Springer, N. M., a week ago last Wednesday, were buried here in funeral services this week.

The 12, all of whom lived on Chicago's southside, were:

Morris Stokes and Frank Hites buried Monday.

Anthony Molsby, Lawrence Davis, Orville Ewing, John Howard Lee, Robert P. O'Kelly and Howard Green, buried on Tuesday.

John W. Hayes, buried on Wednesday.

Marcus W. Perkins, George Arterberry and John E. Green, buried later in the week.

Railroad officials reported that 15 of the 19 persons who died in the accident were killed when a "rolling dormitory" in which they were riding was demolished in the crash.

The wreck occurred about 40 miles southwest of Raton in the ranch country of Northern, N. M.

Insurance Tycoon Buried

Death Arrives For 'King' Cole, Ace Businessman

CHICAGO (ANP)—Robert A. Cole, pioneering businessman who built the Chicago Metropolitan Assurance Company into a multi-million dollar concern, died here after a week's illness.

Cole entered Wesley Memorial Hospital and underwent an operation. His condition was reported as "satisfactory" following surgery, but complications set in and he died at 2:10 A. M., Friday, July 27.

Services were conducted from Pilgrim Baptist Church Tuesday of this week. Burial was in Lincoln Cemetery.

At the time of his death Cole was board chairman of Chicago Metropolitan Mutual, which had $76,473,922 worth of life insurance in force as of Dec. 31, 1955.

A husky, 6 foot 2, 278-pounder, Cole was affectionately known to the South Side as "King Cole."

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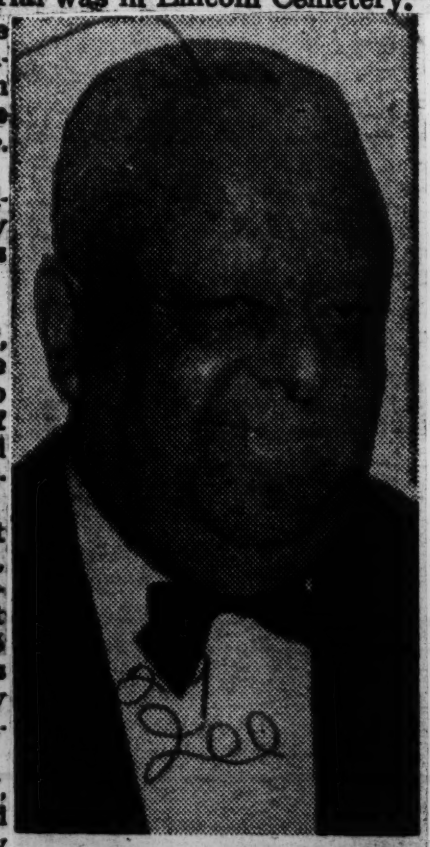
AS FOUNDER-PRESIDENT, he guided the enterprise through many perilous days, to its present position as one of the largest Negro owned-and operated businesses in the nation.

Born in a log cabin at Mount Carmel, Tenn., in 1882, Cole, the seventh son of a cotton farmer, ran away from home at 17. He came to Chicago in 1905 with only a few dollars in his pockets, but was buoyed up by a burning ambition to accomplish something noteworthy.

Cole entered business in 1927, when an undertaker persuaded him to form a burial society which would provide Negroes funerals in return for regular payment of insurance premiums.

The company operated as a burial society until 1946, when it was reorganized as a mutual legal reserve life insurance company.



ROBERT (KING) COLE
. . . final rites observed

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COLE'S WIFE, MARY, who survives, recently was acquitted of charges involving her and several men in extorting $2,100 from two officials of the insurance company.

Criminal Court Judge Daniel A. Roberts freed her after refusing to admit as evidence tape recordings allegedly made of telephone conversations in the Cole home.

Survivors Of Train Victims Claim Bodies

By ALPHONSO WESTBROOKS

Funeral arrangements for the 12 southside Chicago residents killed when the Santa Fe Chief crashed into a mail train near Springer, N. M., have not been completed, according to relatives contacted here.

Mrs. DeEster O'Kelly, 6104 Drexel, one of the several wives remaining in Chicago rather than leave for New Mexico to claim and identify bodies, said it probably will be Friday before any funeral arrangements can be made.

Mrs. O'Kelly is the wife of Robert P. O'Kelly.

SOME LEAVE

Relatives of John H. Lee, Mrs. Alfonsa Avery, 2408 N. Larabee, and Mrs. Sarah Lane, 224 N. Western, left Thursday for Arizona to accompany the body of Lee back to Chicago.

Mrs. Orville Ewing, 3151 S. El-

O'Kelly

Lee

lis and Mrs. Gladys Molsby, 7024 S. Perry, wives of Orville Ewing and Anthony E. Molsby, left Wednesday night. They both are expected back in Chicago by Saturday.

O'Kelly, 50, a resident of Chicago for 20 years, was a native of Greenwood, Miss. He has one daughter, Anita O'Kelly, 18 of Chicago.

Along with his wife and daughter, other surviving relatives include:

Sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Nash, Mrs. Jennie Gladney, and Mrs. Rachel Johnson, all of Chicago; Mrs. Helen Pickens, and Mrs. Sarah Darris, of St. Louis, Mo. Surviving brothers include James O'Kelly, Tuscon, Ariz., and Charles O O'Kelly of St. Louis.

WAS ON EXTRA RUNS

John Lee, 29, of 30 E. Chicago, was a regular employee of Chicago Northwestern when he signed up for an extra run on the Chief.

Born in Jackson, Tenn., he was brought to Chicago at six months. He and his wife, Mrs. Henrene Lee, of 2104 Springfield, were separated. A father, Jerry Lee, 1017 N. Franklin, along with his two sisters and wife are his surviving relatives.

LIST OF DEAD

John W. Haynes, 1954 W. Warren
[illegible] Ewing, 3151 S. Ellis
[illegible] W. Perkins, 4317 Vincennes
Morris [illegible], [illegible] E. 31st st.
Frank Hites [illegible] E. [illegible]
George Arterberry, [illegible] South Michigan
Anthony E. Molsby, 7024 S. Perry
Lawrence Davis, 6320 S. Carpenpenter
John H. Lee, 30 W. Chicago
John E. Green, 4307 Vernon
Robert P. O'Kelly, 6222 S. Kenwood
Albert Haynes, 4335 S. Calumet

Railroad officials reported that 15 of the 19 persons who died in the accident were killed when a "rolling dormitory" in which they were riding was demolished in a grinding crash as the luxury Santa Fe Chief tore into a mail train on a siding.

The crash occurred about 40 miles southwest of Raton in the ranch country of Northern New Mexico. All of the passengers on the train were accounted for, and none were killed.

Born Poor, Dies Rich In Chicago

Robert A. Cole, 74-year-old reputed millionaire who headed one of the nation's richest insurance and funeral systems, died last week in Chicago's Wesley Memorial hospital, following surgery.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday morning at Pilgrim Baptist church.

Chairman of the board of the Chicago Metropolitan Assurance company, Cole was a strappling six-foot, five-inch 278 - pounder, whose boyhood ambition was to be "big, rich and important."

It was little over half a century ago — in 1905 — when Cole walked up to the ticketmaster in Mt. Carmel, Tenn., and purchased a round-trip train ticket to Chicago. He was 23 then, and it was to be his first trip away from home.

In Chicago, he roamed around for days looking for a job. In the next 23 years he worked as waiter, bus boy, shoeshine boy and Pullman porter. At 40, a time in life when most men are well on their way to success, portly Robert Cole was just as broke as when he left home.

WANTED TO BE BIG MAN

He wanted to be a big man, but he didn't know how to become one. He could make money by the fistful, but couldn't hold on to it. He could have $500 in his pocket one day, and be a pauper the next.

Life started for Cole at 40, and in the 34 years that followed, he became one of the nation's richest Negroes. He became president of the Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance company, and later chairman of the board.

The company, one of the leading Negro businesses in the country, has nearly $75 million of insurance in force and total assets have nearly reached the $8 million mark. The company has roughly some 200,000 investors in Chicago and downstate Illinois who put into

Cole's company about $70,000 weekly.

The assurance company, along with the Metropolitan Funeral Parlors which he started on a sum of $500 in 1927, brought Negroes in Chicago many job opportunities which were once denied them for reasons of race.

A LITTLE SUCCESS

At the funeral parlors there are annually more services performed than at any other single company of its kind in the country.

When Cole made his first million he once remarked: "Now, at last, I can say I have achieved some measure of success in life."

Included in his "new life" as a millionaire were most of the comforts which Cole, in his lean, struggling years, seemed beyond his reach. There was his plush 10-room apartment on Hyde Park, a block-long summer home in Cassopolis, Mich., where he spent restful week ends during warm months and indulged in his passion for riding horses.

Cole quit school while in the fifth grade, because, he said, "standards for Negro education were appallingly low."

Cole's first job in Chicago was as a bus boy in a Loop restaurant. Three years later his fascination for trains, which he said "were foreign in my home town," led Cole to "exciting days" as a Pullman porter. "I was making only $25 a month at first, but I thought I was doing well."

A $500 START

Cole later decided he wasn't doing as well as he thought, after counting up what he spent on uniforms and miscellaneous items such as soap, towels and toilet tissue (porters paid for everything used or lost in those days). But what Cole had in mind then was to travel, and he traversed the entire country.

Fourteen years later, and still broke, he went to work in a Chicago social club. He was hired, he once remarked, "because I wore a tuxedo with the air of a gentleman, and lent class to the club." This was his turning point. For the first time he began to save. When he got $500 and started boasting about his new-found thrift, he invested it in a burial society.

Thomas P. Harris, president of Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance company, issued the following statement:

"The death of a leader focuses attention on his greatness. Robert A. Cole, who for 28 years guided and led Chicago Metropolitan Mutual, has left a monument of achievement and respect which will ever be remembered.

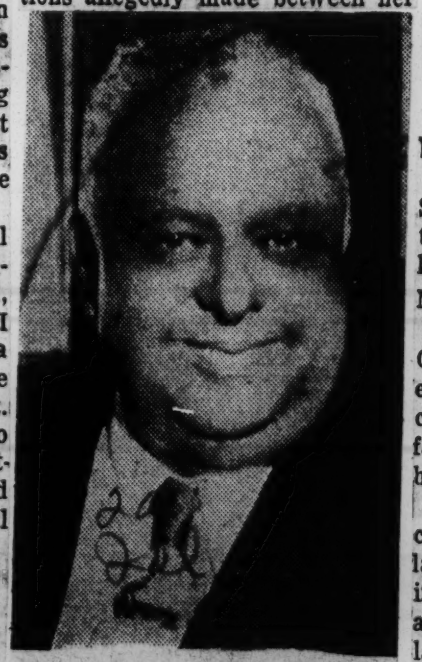
"Those of us who had the privilege of working at his side will draw inspiration from his foresight and determined will. friendship, his boundless good humor and his faith in humanity stands as one of our most valued assets."

Cole had a ready-made market. A year after he went into the company burial insurance sales rose from a meager 2,000 policies to 20,000. The company was then known as the Metropolitan Funeral System Association. In 1946, it was changed to the Metropolitan Mutual Assurance company, and seven years later, 1953, to the Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance company.

When Cole married 25 years ago, his life took on experiences and adventures he never figured to encounter.

His wife, Mary, 43, became known as a fabulous dresser and spender. She garnered a reputation all her own and, later last year became involved in a $21,900 extortion plot.

Last month she was cleared of conspiracy charges when Criminal Court Judge Daniel Roberts refused to admit as evidence recordings of telephone conversations allegedly made between her and other conspirators.



ROBERT A. COLE

A pick-up man in the bizarre case, Paul R. Smith, 41, was found guilty of conspiracy and was sentenced to 3 to 5 years in the state prison.

Cole is also survived by a son, Robert, jr., and a daughter, Roberta.

Noted Chicago Attorney Joseph Clayton, Buried

Funeral services were held Monday morning in Chicago for Atty. Joseph Clayton, Jr., who died last week at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights where he had been taken following an acute asthma attack. Clayton, noted criminal lawyer was the husband of famed Atty. Edith Sampson.

Clayton, who was accompanied by his law partner, Atty. Edward Gayles, was stricken about 7, as they were motoring to Danville, Ill., where Clayton was trying a narcotics case in a state court.

Gayles turned back to Chicago Heights, the nearest town where he could get medical aid for his partner.

MEDICS CONSULT

Hospital authorities worked frantically to save him, consulting with Dr. William Clark, a chest specialist at Mt. Sinai hospital in Chicago who was Clayton's private physician.

The noted lawyer had been in poor health for some time and was a chronic sufferer from asthma. Dr. Clark, by telephone, prescribed a special drug which he had used in treating his patient, but death came at 3.

Clayton's wife, Mrs. Edith Sampson, who is assistant corporation counsel for the city, was with him when the end came.

NATIVE OF TEXAS

Clayton was a native of Travis County, Texas and received his early education at the Clayton Vocation Institute, founded by his father Joseph, sr., who survives him.

He later studied at Prairie View college in Texas and then matriculated at Northwestern university in Evanston, Ill., where he earned a bachelor of arts degree and a law degree.

Together with his wife, Edith, whom he married 20 years ago, the couple made a brilliant team.

Besides his wife and father, he is survived by a mother and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bills of Kansas City, Mo. The senior Claytons reside at 2008 Washington blvd., Chicago. Funeral services had not been set at press time.

ATTY. JOSEPH CLAYTON

FIELD FUNERAL WILL BE TODAY AT ST. JAMES

Memorial services for Marshall Field III, one of the world's richest men and founder of the Chicago Sun, will be held at 11 a. m. today in the Episcopal Cathedral of St. James at Wabash av. and Huron st.

Mr. Field died Wednesday in New York hospital, New York City, 16 days after undergoing surgery for a brain tumor. His wife, the former Mrs. Ruth Ruyn Phipps, was at his bedside.

Approximately 600 attended the services for him yesterday in St. James Episcopal church in New York City. The ushers were Wolcott Blair, Dr. Charles N. Breed, Charles G. Cushing, Thomas K. Finletter, Russell Forgan, John Lincoln, Frederick S. Moseley Jr., Henry Parrish II, George Richardson, A. Ronald Tree, Edward M. M. Warburg, James Warburg, Carl J. Weitzel, and John F. Wharton.

Chicago Ushers Named

The body was put in a special car at a train scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 7:50 a. m. today.

Ushers at today's rites will be Joseph Carroll, Hughston M. McBain, Donald McKellar, John Pirie Jr., George Richardson, Adlai E. Stevenson, Russ Stewart, George B. Young, and Carl J. Weitzel.

The Cook county board yesterday passed a resolution to the memory of Mr. Field, saying "he recognized human need in every aspect, tangible and intangible, economic, political, and sociological, and gave generously of his interest, mind, and resources to ameliorate those needs."

The Chicago city council passed a resolution of sympathy on Thursday.

Fortune from Grandfather

Mr. Field's fortune came to him directly from his grandfather, founder of Marshall Field & Co., and was said to amount to $160,000,000 or more. His death will mean change of control of this large estate, but the will probably will be probated in New York, Mr. Field's residence for the last several years, attorneys said.

His heirs include his son, Marshall Jr., now publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times, and four daughters, Mrs. Barbara Boggs, Mrs. Bettine Bruce, Mrs. Phyllis Samper, and Miss Fiona.

Mr. Field was noted for his philanthropies, particularly for children's welfare. His best known Chicago philanthropy was the Chicago Museum of Natural History, formerly the Field Museum, which was founded by his grandfather and to which he contributed 8 million dollars.

Multimillionaire Marshall Field 3rd Used Fortune to Champion Causes

Marshall Field 3rd, who died in New York Hospital, inherited one of the largest fortunes in his country's history and spent a large part of his adult life giving much of it to philanthropies and other worthy causes.

He was a socially-conscious multi-millionaire who apologized for having been born rich and strove to make up for his good fortune by helping those less fortunate. And he championed human rights through his two newspapers, the Chicago Sun-Times and the defunct New York PM.

Tax-Free Fortune.

As the grandson of Marshall Field, Chicago's fabulous merchant prince, he was principal legatee of a personal fortune said to have been rivaled only by that of Henry Ford.

When he was 50, around $75 million passed virtually tax-free to him. He had already received somewhat more than $93 million and at the time had an estimated annual income of $2 million.

When he was a boy of 12 in Chicago, a reporter asked the heir apparent what he would do with his grandfather's money. "I don't want it, I'd rather not have it," young Marshall retorted.

Some years later he was quoted as saying, "I happen to have been left a great deal of money, I don't know what is going to happen to it and I don't give a damn. If I cannot make myself worthy of three square meals a day, I don't deserve them."

Eton and Cambridge.

He was brought up in England after his mother married a British Army officer and was in the same social set with the Prince of Wales, later the Duke of Windsor. He attended Eton and Cambridge. Entering the U.S. Army as a private in 1917, he rose through the ranks to captain, and participated in the St. Mihiel and Meusse-Argonne operations in France.

Mr. Field entered the newspaper publishing field as a stockholder in the New York newspaper PM, which began publication in 1940. He soon became the largest stockholder of the liberal tabloid-sized daily and in January, 1942, acquired sole ownership. He is said to have lost upwards of $3 million on the ill-fated paper before he sold it in 1948. Under new ownership it soon changed its name to New York Star, also now defunct.

Ardent New Dealer.

In 1941, he founded the Chicago Sun with President Roosevelt's blessing. He was an ardent New Dealer and President Roosevelt wrote a "My dear Marshall" letter of congratulation to him for entering the Chicago morning field dominated by the anti-New Deal Chicago Tribune. The Sun merged with the Times, an afternoon tabloid, in 1947.

Six years ago, Field handed the reins to his son, Marshall Field Jr., who became president and publisher of the prosperous Sun-Times. The elder Field continued his interest as president of Field Enterprises, which includes Parade, Pocket Books, several radio stations and a controlling interest in Simon and Schuster publishing house. He was president of the Field Foundation.

Deeply interested in social work, particularly where it concerned children, he was not content to just "mail a check" and let it go at that. He participated in good works in person and was particularly diligent in devoting his time to Hull House, the famed institution for rehabilitation of slum poor in Chicago.

He and his third wife, the former Mrs. Ruth Pruyn Phipps, had two children. He had three by his first wife, Evelyn Marshall. His second wife was Mrs. Audrey James Coates, an Englishwoman.

His wife, Ruth, was at his bedside when he died. He had been ill for about six weeks before he was brought to the hospital from his estate at Huntington, L. I.

(A sketch on Mr. Field's life will be found on page 30.)

Marshall Field Is Remembered By Negroes

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Negroes on the southside this week paid tribute to Marshall Field III, philanthropist and founder of the Chicago Sun-Times, who made many contributions to the field of race relations during his life.

Field, 63, died in New York Thursday. He was buried here Saturday.

Negroes were very definitely a part of the broad, humanitarian thinking of Marshall Field. He practically required that organizations with which he worked be without bias.

The Field Foundation, of which he was president and which carried out many of his philanthropic purposes, entered a statement of policy in its minutes of Sept. 30, 1955:

"The principal areas of interest of the Field Foundation shall be problems of children and problems arising in the field of intercultural and interracial relations. The foundation will contribute only to organizations which are democratic in their racial practices.

Among some of the organzations with which he served were: Trustee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, 1944 to 1948 when it terminated; founder-trustee, Roosevelt University; trustee, Provident Hospital, Chicago, 1943-53; director, American Council of Race Relations; advisory board, Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination; member, National Committee on Segregation in the Nation's Capital; sponsor, National Committee to Abolish Poll Tax; executive committee, Chicago Round Table of National Conference of Christian and Jews; life member, NAACP; Chicago campaign committee of United Negro College Fund; a board member of Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society and a trustee of Hull House, Chicago, for 15 years.

Marshall Field 3rd Dies After Surgery

Merchant, Publisher Was 63

Marshall Field 3rd, 63, multimillionaire newspaper publisher and merchant, died in New York Hospital at 5 a.m. today. He had undergone brain surgery Oct. 21 to remove a blood clot.

Mr. Field, who lived at 740 Park Ave., was the grandson of Marshall Field, founder of the great Chicago department store. He was sole owner of the old newspaper PM here from 1942 to 1948, and in 1941 founded the Chicago Sun, now merged with the Sun-Times.

Mr. Field was president of Field Enterprises, which includes Parade, Pocket Books, a controlling interest in the book publishing firm of Simon and Schuster and several radio stations.

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First Negro Head Of U. S. Veterans Hospital Dies

INDIANAPOLIS (ANP)— Col. Joseph H. Ward, 88, the first Negro commandant of the huge U. S. Veterans Hospital at Tuskegee, Ala., died Wednesday morning in the West Tenth Street Veterans hospital here. He suffered a stroke Friday.

One of Indianapolis' best known physicians since he graduated from the Medical School of the University of Indiana 56 years ago, Dr. Ward had been active in many civic and community affairs throughout his long career.

Perhaps the highlight of his professional activity came when he was appointed by General Hines, administor of the United States Veterans Administration, to be the commandant at the Tuskegee Veterans hospital shortly after the close of World War I.

The hospital, first veteran institution to be staffed entirely by Negroes, had been erected to assure colored veterans adequate care.

Wanted Mixed Staff

Tuskegee Institute provided the several hundred of acres of land on which it was built. The institution became the center of nation wide attention when southern physicians insisted that it be staffed by white physicians.

Dr. Robert R. Moten, principal of Tuskegee Institute, who had been instrumental in having the hospital built, fought vigorously against that idea. The white physicians who opened it, were replaced by colored doctors and a search ensued for an adequate head.

Dr. Ward had served in France, in the United States Army during World War I. At that time Negro physicians were given only minor positions in the armed forces, were rarely commissioned and never permitted to serve in hospitals.

Dr. Ward was given an opportunity to serve in a base hospital when a shortage of doctors occurred. When the war was over he was retired with the rank of major, the highest rank held by any Negro physician up to that time. He was appointed head of the Tuskegee Veterans hospital, now one of the largest in the nation with 2,400 beds. He became a colonel while in that post.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Sue Knox Ward, whom he married a few months ago, Col. Ward leaves his daughter, Mrs. Mary Ward Roberts; two grandcilldren and a sister, Mrs. Minerva Hooks of Oakland, Calif. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Patton Funeral Home with the Rev. Jonathan A. Dames, pastor of Bethel AME church officiating.

J. L. Dameron, 90, Dies 5 Days After His Sister, 82

Services for James L. Dameron, 90, of 1127 Eleventh street, were held Thursday afternoon at St. Paul AME Church with the Rev. John E. Hunter, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Dameron

Mr. Dameron died of pneumonia Monday, April 23, at Broadlawns General Hospital after an illness of four weeks.

Active until his illness, Mr. Dameron had operated a parking lot at Tenth and Chestnut streets the last eight years.

A retired teacher, he was the first Negro to enter (1888) the liberal arts college at the State University of Iowa and earned within 12 credits of what was necessary for a degree.

Native Missourian

Born in Memphis, Mo., Mr. Dameron came to Oskaloosa as a youth and was graduated from high school there in 1888.

Mr. Dameron was in the teaching profession 31 years, starting as a one-room teacher, and had served as high school principal at Madison, Ind., and Middlesboro, Ky.

Coming to Des Moines in 1923, Mr. Dameron was an adult education teacher for several years.

A member of St. Paul AME Church, he sang in the church's senior choir and men's chorus. He also was a member of Brotherhood, Inc., and the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Dameron's sister, Mrs. Margaret Lowry, 82, also a retired school teacher, who had been living with him, died here April 18.

His daughter, Mrs. Helen Beshears Wimberly, a former social welfare worker and juvenile court probation officer here for 20 years, has been living in the Dameron home the last year. A grandson also survives.

Rites For Mrs. Margaret Lowry

Services for Mrs. Margaret M. Lowry, 82, of 1127 Eleventh street, a retired teacher, were held Saturday, April 21, at the St. Paul AME Church. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery.

MRS. LOWRY

Mrs. Lowry, widow of Dr. W. H. Lowry, died on April 18 at Broadlawns General Hospital after a month's illness. She had lived in Des Moines for 38 years. Born at Memphis Mo., Mrs. Lowry attended high school at Hedrick, Ia., and was graduated from Virginia State College at Charleston, Va., where she taught home economics for a number of years.

She was a member of St. Paul AME Church and the Eastern Star.

Her brother, James L. Dameron, died Monday night at Broadlawns hospital.

Surviving is a niece, Mrs. Helen D. Wimberly, with whom she made her home.

Iowa's Calvin Jones on Ill-Fated Canadian Plane

Vancouver, B. C.—Stormy weather, snow and low clouds forced a temporary halt Tuesday in the aerial search for a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane that vanished Sunday night with 62 persons aboard.

Four search planes were called back and eight others remained on the ground because of the hazardous conditions.

Eight Americans, some of them former college football players, were among the 59 passengers on the missing four-engined airliner.

They included Calvin Jones, all-America football guard in 1954 and 1955 at the State University of Iowa.

The interruption in the air search came after a pilot reported seeing the outline of "what could have been wreckage" on 8,500-foot Mt. Silvertip, about 100 miles east of this west coast Canadian city.

The peak is in the region where the plane reported it was turning back to Vancouver with one engine dead, shortly before its radio went silent.

Native of Ohio

Ground searchers also were sent into the area, but visibility was poor.

Steubenville, Ohio—Calvin Jones, 23, of Steubenville was aboard a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane missing in British Columbia, according to word received here Monday.

Mrs. Talitha Jones was notified by air line officials that her son was on the plane which disappeared in a violent windstorm Sunday night.

Jones has been playing professional football in Canada.

Captain

Jones, a 210-pounder who captained the Iowa team in 1955, came to the state university from Steubenville in 1952 with high school team mates Eddie Vincent and Frank Gilliam. All three made the Iowa starting lineup as sophomores.

After his playing days ended in college, he signed a contract to play professionally with Winnipeg of the Canadian league.

Jones returned to the United States on Nov. 10 to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota at Minneapolis.

Jones returned to Iowa City Nov. 24 for the ~~Iowa-Notre~~ Dame football game.

Rose Bowl

As a junior he played through the Big Ten season despite a broken bone in his wrist. He made most all-America teams in 1955.

Born Feb. 7, 1933, in Steubenville, he has four sisters and a brother. His father is dead.

Jones, who played Sunday in the Canadian league all-star game, had planned a New Year's day reunion with Gilliam and Vincent at the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Cal., when Iowa plays Oregon State.

Calvin Jones.

Had Practiced Dentistry In Des Moines 31 Years; Active in Civic Groups

Residents of Des Moines mourned the sudden death of Dr. William J. Ritchey, 53-year-old dentist here for the past thirty-one years.

Many of them who had been his patrons throughout the year, along with a host of friends attended the sad rites Wednesday afternoon at Corinthian Baptist Church. The Rev. Norman R. Olphin, pastor, officiated. Masonic Lodge ceremonies were conducted.

Dr. Ritchey died of a cerebral hemorrhage Sunday night, Dec. 9, at his home, 1154 Fourteenth Street.

Rested Most of Day

He had rested most of the day, complaining that he was tired and would stay in bed, Mrs. Ritchey related.

He had brought her home Saturday from Mercy Hospital where she had been taken the previous week with a heart ailment.

When the family physician came Sunday evening to check her condition, Mrs. Ritchey said he also examined her husband.

She discovered he was dead when she went to his room about 10 o'clock. Her brother, Mr. William Lumpkins of Detroit, Mich., who had flown here because of her illness, was at home with her.

Native of St. Joseph

A native of St. Joseph, Mo., Dr. Ritchey was graduated from Bartlett High School there; and, the State University of Iowa dental college in 1925.

He began the practice of denistry in Des Moines in offices at 517 Mulberry Street, located across the street from the Polk County Court House where he remained for 27 years. Four years ago he moved into the Continental Building where he made many friends as the first Negro business occupant in the building.

Dr. Ritchey was interested in racial progress in the city of Des Moines and affiliated with civic and

DR. WM. J. RITCHEY

political groups that worked for advancement. He was a contributing member to the Republican Party.

Worker with Youth Groups

For years he had worked with youth groups, having served during his earlier years here as a Boy Scout leader. He was active for years on the board of Crocker YMCA and had headed membership drives. He was interested in wholesome sports, contributed trophies to promote interest in activities at Good Park. He had played golf and at one time was a member of the Valley Golf Club.

He was deeply interested in his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, having ser ed as its provincial leader.

Dr. Ritchey was a member of Corinthian Baptist Church; the North Star Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Imperial Council.

Surviving aside from his wife, Mary, are mother, Mrs. Bell Ritchey, Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Mrs. O. R. Blanchard, and Mrs. Leonard Brown, both of Denver, and Mrs. Verda Spangler, Des Moines.

Out-of-town relatives here are: Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Beshears of St. Joseph, Mo., cousins.

Papini Dead; Author of 'Life of Christ'

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Reuters

FLORENCE, Italy, July 8 Giovanni Papini, Italian author of the "Life of Christ" and many other works, died here today. He was 75, and had been blind for some time.

Mr. Papini

He played an energetic role in the Italian literary scene without interruption since he became co-editor of a review at the age of 22.

As a young man he was an atheist and an anarchist, known for his brilliant iconoclasm, but in 1920 he became a Roman Catholic, and later a supporter of Mussolini's Fascist regime.

He wrote a number of studies of men who figure in the life of Christ, and one on Saint Augustine. Others of his works well known in English are "Dante Living," and Bread and Wine."

In his later years he denounced what he called the moral decay that followed World War II, and said that man now faced a choice of "Christianity or death."

One of Papini's last and most popular volumes was "The Devil," which appeared in 1954, the Associted Press stated. He suggested that even the devil might be released from the suffering of eternal damnation

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KANSAS

Dr. Levi Newsome Dies In Topeka

Call of Kansas City Mo.

TOPEKA, Kas. — Dr. Levi Jesse Newsome, 83, of 1235 Monroe St., died Saturday, June 23, in a Topeka hospital. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 4, 1872.

He received his B. A. degree from Wilberforce university and was graduated from the Meharry Medical college of Nashville, Tenn., in 1907. Dr. Newsome practiced medicine in Iola and Hutchinson, Kas., for a number of years before coming to Topeka where he had been a practicing physician since 1919.

He was a member of Euclid lodge No. 2 A. F. and M. and was an affiliated minister of St. John AME church.

His survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Orpha Morning of Detroit, Mrs. Sally Riley of Titusville, Pa., and Mrs. Emma Sherrow of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one brother, Noah Newsome of Bellefontaine, Ohio; five nephews, Dewey Newsome of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Sumner Newsome and Carmen Newsome, both of Cleveland, Wayne Newsome of Gary, Ind., and John F. Morning of Detroit; four nieces, Miss Roberta Morning and Miss Maurita Morning of Detroit, Miss Connie Riley and Mrs. Phyllis Holland of Titusville, Pa.; and Mrs. Fencia Williams of Los Angeles, Calif.

Memorial rites were held from the Bowser Chapel Tuesday, June 26. The Rev. E. Woody Hall, pastor of the St. John AME church, was the officiant and delivered the eulogy. He was assisted by the Rev. W. E. Washington and the Rev. J. E. Neelon Samuel Wilson gave two vocal numbers, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "There Is Peace in the Valley." He was accompanied by Miss Loyce Abbott, the St. John AME church organist.

The Euclid lodge No. 2 was represented by Raymond Simpson, Worshipful Master, Mr. Harry Woolridge, William Austin, Tiler and M. C. Peak who delivered the oration.

The body of Dr. Newsome was taken to Bellefontaine, Ohio, for interment.

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KENTUCKY

Final services held for Dr. J. E. Hunter

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Baltimore, M.D.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (ANP) — Funeral services were conducted here Saturday for Dr. J. E. Hunter, the first colored surgeon to perform major operations in Lexington Hospital here.

The 97 - year - old surgeon died Tusday at the home of his son in Dayton, Ohio.

A charter member of the National Medical Association, Dr. Hunter practiced for 63 years in Lexington and was one of the organizers of the Tuskegee Clinic, Tuskegee, Ala., and the Florida A and M Clinical Association in Tallahassee.

He retired from medical practice four years ago.

On the occasion of his retirement he received a letter of commendation from the Fayette County Medical Society.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Hunter did premedical work at Oberlin College, received his medical degree at Western Reserve University, and did post-graduate work at various hospitals.

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Dr. R. A. Munday is Tuskegee Institute's official representative at the funeral of Mrs. Martha Adams, wife of Mr. Charles P. Adams, Grambling, Louisiana today. The many ties which exist between Tuskegee Institute and the Adams family date back to the very founding of the institution. Mr. Lewis Adams, father of the deceased, was one of the committee of two that requested General Samuel Chapman Armstrong to send Booker T. Washington to Tuskegee to establish the Institute. Her sister, Mrs. Virginia Adams Driver, the mother of Mrs. L. E. Carter, Mrs. E. D. Flake and Mr. Lewis Driver, was the first graduate of Tuskegee Institute. Heading the alphabet of her class of 1885, she was the first to receive her diploma. Mrs. Adams went to Grambling with her husband Charles P. Adams, also a graduate of Tuskegee, and together they founded Grambling College, and he headed the institution until his retirement nearly ten years ago. Their five children attended Tuskegee Institute.

Pioneer Grambling Resident Passes

COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, La. — (Special) — Funeral services were held here Tuesday morning for Mrs. Martha Adams, 78, wife of Charles P. Adams founder of Grambling College.

Mrs. Adams died at her nome Saturday following a long illness.

Brief campus services were held in the college auditorium at 9 A. M.

Followed by solemn requiem mass at 10 A. M. in St. Benedict Catholic church with the Rev. Severin Nelles, C.S.S.R., pastor, St. Thomas Church, Houma, officiating.

The Rev. Cassion Northbauer, O.S.B.M. pastor, St. Benedict Church, Grambling, delivered the sermon.

Interment was in the Grambling cemetery.

One of Grambling's first teachers, Mrs. Adams spent most of her life here and helped her husband stage a desperate struggle to keep the school alive during its formative years.

A native of Tuskegee, Ala., she came to Grambling in 1901 as the school's first domestic science teacher.

Mrs. Adams is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Fidelia Johnson and Mrs. Teresa Garner; three sons, Edward, Henry and Ralph Adams, and eight grandchildren.

LAND WORTH $340,000

Born a Slave, He Dies At 97 a Wealthy Man

SHREVEPORT, La. Nov. 22 (AP)—Newton Smith was born a slave and he never learned to read and write.

But when the 97-year-old Negro died here Tuesday night, acquaintances said, he was a wealthy man.

Ansel Stroud, a white planter and merchant from nearby Dixie, estimated that Smith's land alone —2,000 acres of top-grade cotton-producing soil—is worth $340,000.

Stroud said that doesn't include the mineral rights, pecan orchards, cattle, farm equipment or Smith's home, a modest place that gave no indication of the owner's wealth.

Stroud said from personal experiences and from "old-timers" he had learned the following about Smith:

He was born on the McCain plantation near Greenwood, La., in 1859. Four years later, he was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation.

Smith began farming in 1885 after borrowing money from the late Frank McCain to buy two oxen. McCain was the son of the man who once owned Smith.

The next year, Stroud said, Smith bought a pair of mules. Then, during his third year, he saved enough to buy 40 acres of land.

Smith's farming operation kept growing, and he soon realized he needed a bookkeeper. So Smith, who never learned to write anything more than his name, sent his wife, Rosa, to school.

Throughout Smith's early years he went to McCain for loans.

Smith often ventured into fields other than farming. At one time, he used 100 mules in his business which included building levees, clearing passages for highways and hauling jobs in oil fields.

"Get-rich-quick schemes" were his main weaknesses, Stroud said. During the early days of oil development in this area Smith reportedly lost considerable money on worthless oil stock. But he soon learned, Stroud said.

One of his outstanding characteristics was his "knack for handling the colored people who worked on his plantation," Stroud said.

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Herman McCall, Director Dies In Automobile Crash

GRAMBLING, La. — Herman McCall, 35, director of food service at Grambling College, succumbed Friday from injuries received in an automobile crash.

Mr. McCall, a native of Macon, Ga., had been acclaimed as the brains of the nation's best athletic training table. A graduate of Tuskegee Institute, he had worked several years in the Grambling Food Service department.

Funeral services for Dr. Rhetta

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Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 10-13-56

BALTIMORE

Private funeral services, attended only by relatives and a few intimate friends were held last Friday morning for Dr. Barnett M. Rhetta Sr., 72, practicing physician here for 47 years.

Dr. Rhetta died in his sleep early Tuesday at his home, 2139 Druid Hill Ave. Death was due to a heart attack.

Although he had not been well for several years, he had been griefstricken since September 22, when his oldest daughter, Mrs. Erovelle Brinkley, a Dunbar High teacher, suffered a stroke and died suddenly.

At the time of her death, he told the AFRO: "It has just about killed us."

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THERE WAS no wake or review prior to the funeral services which were held at the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home.

The Rev. F. J. Frye, pastor of Ames Methodist Church, of which Dr. Rhetta was a member; the Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Sharp St. Methodist Church, conducted the 15-minute services.

A quartet of Ames choir members, Mesdames Amy Hill, Annie Bolden, Indiana Young and Gladys Allen, sang. Mrs. Mildred Williams was at the organ; and Mrs. Ruth Lightston sang a solo.

A blanket of red roses decorated the solid oak casket. Pallbearers were: J. Hiram Butler, Dr. Bernard Harris, Jr., Warren Weaver, Hughes Carter, Osborne Dixon and Dr. William Garner.

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IN ADDITION to the immediate family, those in attendance at the funeral were: Percy Brinkley, Mrs. Tina Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Truly Hatchett, all of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rhetta, Mrs. Glady Rhetta, Mrs. Connie Williams, Sttphen Rhetta and D.r Philip Williams, all of Chicago;

Also, Misses Grace and Helen Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Brown of Washington; Mrs. Elsie Smith, Henry Rhetta, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ossarew Gee and daughtre, Mrs. Louise Robinson;

And, Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, Mrs. Frances Ashby, Dr. R. Garland Chissell, Mrs. Mason Hawkins, Mrs. Estelle Lee, Mrs. Florence Carter, Mrs. Helen Moseley, Dr. C. R. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jackson and Mr and Mrs. Charles Williams, Hampton, Va.

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CHRISTENED Barnett Milton Rhetta, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Rhetta. His father was a Mexican farmer who migrated to Calhoun, Alabama, where he was born on December 1, 1883.

While he was enrolled at a missionary school in Calhoun, Booker T. Washington visited there and asked the pupils who they considered the pupil most likely to succeed.

The students unanimously agreed Barnett M. Rhetta, and so upon his graduation from the missionary school he enrolled in Hampton.

DR. H. B. FRISSELL, then the principal, suggested that young Rhetta specialize in vocational education as carpenters were badly needed in Calhoun, but he refused to change his mind.

After graduation from Hampton, he went to Saratoga Springs where he earned tuition by working in the hotels, and in 1903, enrolled in Howard University.

He was graduated from medical school in the class of 1915, which included Dr. Frank Cardoza, now a retired physician; Dr. Albert O. Reid, a local dentist and Dr. Gideon Brown of Kansas City.

In 1908, following a year's internship at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, he began the practice of medicine in Baltimore.

DURING HIS 47 years' service, he gained a reputation as an indefatigible general practitioner who often received no pay for his services.

He estimated in a recent AFRO interview that on an average day he saw 80 patients. Although the fee for office visits has increased to $3 and $4 and over, Dr. Rhetta still charged many of his patients only $2.

Dr. Rhetta was known as a hard fighter for causes in which he believed. He was an ardent worker in the Hampton and Howard University alumni associations.

Although he was not a member of the Provident Hospital staff, he gave generously to all hospital drives.

He was also a contributing member of the NAACP, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

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HE IS remembered best as the physician who was responsible for employment of the first colored nurses and doctors by the city of Baltimore.

About 1913, he waged a campaign to have the city hire colored doctors and nurses. When the city said it had no funds, Dr. Rhetta went to the churches and raised $400 a month for 10 months for the first four nurses to work in the city.

After that the city employed colored doctors and nurses.

Today, there are approximately 250 colored persons in the Health Department including 60 nurses, 35 physicians and dentists, 20 in the sanitary division, 14 clerical workers, 4 laboratory technicians and 10 miscellaneous workers.

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DR. MACEO WILLIAMS, director of the Druid Health Center, recalled this week, "Yes, we didn't have any colored workers on the city health department payroll prior to 1920.

"It was largely through Dr. Rhetta that we were able to get these people in. I remember they were taken in on a trial basis and he helped pay their salary because he knew they were going to make good and they have."

Several years ago when he was asked whether he would be a physician if he had his life to live over again, Dr. Rhetta said: "Yes, I would be a general practitioner because in the general practice of medicine I find the finest opportunity to help people.

"I am happy when I am working. If you hear of me working a part of my last day in life, you know that that is as I would have it."

Before retiring Monday, Dr. Rhetta saw approximately a dozen patients, and worked in his office until 8:30 p.m. He was found dead in bed by his wife at about 6 a.m. Tuesday. The family physician, Dr. C. R. Campbell, pronounced him dead of a heart attack about 7 a.m. Tuesday.

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IN HIS younger days, Dr. Rhetta was active in sports, favoring tennis and volley ball, which he played well.

He was active in the Methodist Church and was the first lay president of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Conference of the church.

In 1909, Dr. Rhetta was married to the former Miss Clara Brown of Washington. Her father, the late Rev. Sterling Brown, was for many years pastor of Plymouth Congregational and later People's Congregational Church in the nation's capital.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Rhetta is survived by a daughter, Dr. Helen Rhetta, a practicing physician in Chicago; and a son, Dr. Barnett M. Rhetta Jr., a practicing physician here in Baltimore.—B.M.P.

Barnett Milton Rhetta

AN EDITORIAL

Barnett Milton Rhetta almost had his wish to die with his boots on last week.

Death came to him at the age of 72 while he slept Monday night in his Baltimore home.

Behind him is a remarkable career.

Born in Calhoun, Alabama, his Catholic parents sent him to Hampton Institute.

He told the principal there he wanted to be a doctor. Principal H. B. Frissell replied: "Calhoun needs carpenters and you will become a carpenter or else."

Some 45 years ago he finished Howard Medical School with more money in his pockets than when he entered.

Armed with a letter from his father to Cardinal Gibbons, he came to Baltimore. He remained for dinner and hung out his shingle.

He was remarkable for his physical energy and stamina. It was nothing for him to drive to Washington or Frederick or Annapolis to see patients and be back at his office fresh and full of vigor at 8 o'clock in the morning.

It was common for him to stay up all night with a maternity case and next day still make his usual quota of calls.

He was city tennis champion several times and a case filled with tennis trophies graced his waiting room.

Only three men of his day could match him in persistence and endurance. They were Captain George Brown, Bishop W. Sampson Brooks and Dr. Frederick Douglass.

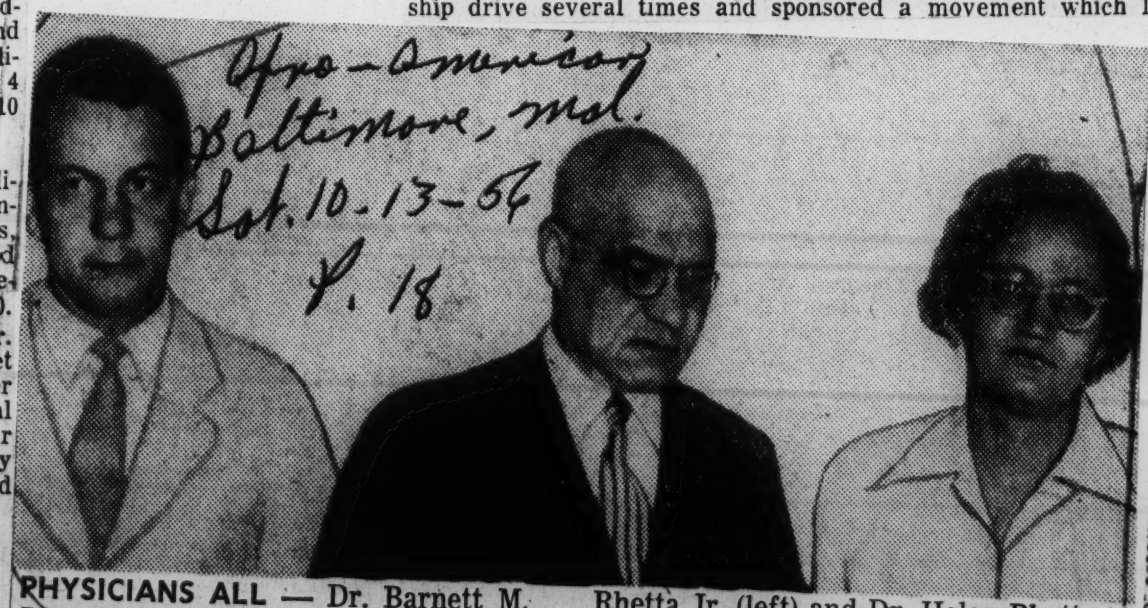
The fact that we have colored nurses and doctors in the Baltimore Bureau of Health was the work of Dr. Rhetta.

In the beginning the health department would only receive nurses on a voluntary basis. Dr. Rhetta raised funds to pay them for more than a year until they were employed. And a large part of the funds came from his own pocket.

He was at one time president of the Howard University Alumni Association and a member of its medical advisory committee.

He was chairman of the Druid Hill YMCA annual membership drive several times and sponsored a movement which led to the establishment of the tuberculosis hospital at Henryton. Like many physicians, a large part of his work was among the poor, who could not pay. These services for charity are unrecorded.

His death removes from the Baltimore scene one of the oldest and most useful of its public-spirited citizens.



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PHYSICIANS ALL — Dr. Barnett M. Rhetta Sr. (center) is shown with his two physician children. Dr. Barnett M. Rhetta Jr. (left) and Dr. Helen Rhetta, Chicago (right).

T. Henry Waters, veteran caterer, dies suddenly

Afro-American Ltr. 12-15-56
Baltimore Md.

BALTIMORE

"He left home Monday night just as well as usual and when I let him out of the door he smiled and told me what time he expected to return His going like this is a shock."

Mrs. Waters was telling the AFRO about sudden death of her husband, T. Henry Waters.

Mr. Waters

The veteran caterer collapsed on the stage of the Lyric Theatre Monday night while supervising arrangements at the Cotillion.

He was rushed to the Maryland General Hospital and pronounced dead.

Mr. Waters was a familiar figure in the business and social circles of Baltimore and had conducted his business here for almost 50 years.

Mr. Waters is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Wood Waters. The couple was married on June 17, 1953.

Funeral services for Mr. Waters were held Friday at Metropolitan Methodist Church. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Frank Williams, pastor; the Rev. Kelly Jackson, District superintendent; the Rev. F. F. King, former District superintendent; the Rev. C. Y. Trigg, retired pastor: and the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church and a close friend of the deceased.

Mr. Waters was a longtime member of the church and served as a member of its board of trustees. His pet charitable project was the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

Famous midwife dies; delivered 5,000 babies

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. Jan. 1-14-56

BALTIMORE

Mrs. Annie Maria Kess, 87, famed as a widwife who delivered 5,000 babies in her lifetime and never lost a mother, died on Tuesday at her home in Pasadena, Anne Arundel County, Md.

In 1953, Mrs. Kess won a place on the AFRO's Honor Roll for her 'unusual and outstanding record as a midwife.'

The body is at the Hayes Funeral Home, 633 N. Gilmor St., until Saturday, when it will be removed to her home. Funeral services are set for Sunday, 2:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Magothy.

Wife of the late Alexander Kess, Mrs. Kess is survived by three daughters. two sons, a sister, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

MRS. ANNIE M. KESS
Famed midwife dies

MENCKEN, NOTED CRITIC, IS DEAD

Sun Baltimore, Md. Jan. 30-56

Sage of Baltimore Succumbs at 71

By ROBERT MCHUGH

BALTIMORE, Jan. 29 (AP)—H. L. Mencken, literary giant whose caustic dissent helped shape the pattern of American thought in the turbulent Twenties, died quietly in his sleep early today.

The noted newspaperman, author, wit and critic was 75.

For half a century he brandished his pen like a broadsword slashing at fraud, deceit and ignorance wherever he thought he found them. He employed an inimitable style marked by humor, vitality, scholarship and a mock omniscience.

Blood Clot Believed Cause

His passing was as quiet as his life and writings were lusty.

Rancho Brown, Negro valet called by Mencken his "factotum," found his employer in a sleeping position in his third-floor bedroom around 8 a. m. He summoned Mencken's brother, August, when it became apparent the aging author could not be awakened.

A doctor said it was probable a blood clot had ended the life of the man dubbed "The Sage of Baltimore."

August, who was his brother's constant companion, slept in the back bedroom on the third floor of the red brick row house at 1524 Hollins St., where the two men lived almost their entire lives.

"If there had been a struggle, I'd have heard it. I'm a light sleeper," August said.

Entertained Friend

Just last night, Mencken and his brother entertained Louis Cheslock, an old friend and member of the famed "Saturday Night Club" of Baltimore.

"We talked a little and had a couple of drinks and Harry (the family nickname) seemed to be in pretty good health and spirits," August said.

Mencken's last public statement was in an exclusive Associated Press story last Friday about a forgotten manuscript he had put together in 1948. It was resurrected and sent to publisher Alfred Knopf to be issued next May under the title "Minority Report." It will contain his last public utterances. He suffered a stroke later in the same year and had been unable to read or write since.

'Nice Being Denounced'

"It will be nice being denounced again," he said cheerfully as he discussed the manuscript last Wednesday night.

August disclosed today that newspaper stories about the book had provided his brother with an appropriate ticket to Valhalla.

"Already, somebody wrote in denouncing the book," he said. "Harry was delighted."

Mencken had mellowed undeniably in the years since a series of illnesses began their deadly blows in 1948.

But there was nothing in his conversations with friends to indicate he had altered his beliefs one bit.

Always on agnostic, he remained one but insisted he held no grudge against persons who are religious. He acknowledged in a recent conversation that churches were "good forces in any community." But as for himself, he found the idea of attempts to convert him "horrifying."

Began News Career at 19

He provided for the possibility that he was wrong about the immortality of the soul. As he imagined it he would be confronted in after life by the twelve apostles. He would square himself, he said, with a simple, forthright apology: "Gentlemen, I was wrong."

Mencken began his career at the age of 19 as a cub reporter on the now defunct Baltimore Herald. It took him just three years to become city editor.

He joined the Baltimore Sunpapers in 1906 and wrote for them on and off for the next 42 years. Even at the time of his death he was still listed as a member of the board of directors of the Sunpapers.

In 1924, along with George Jean Nathan and Knopf he founded the American Mercury magazine. The brilliant publication gave him a platform for his views for years and through it he helped such authors as Sinclair Lewis and authors as Sn r L nwi licasdiae Theodore Dreiser along the road to fame.

Chopped Fire Wood

He spent his time during the past seven years sorting the tremendous volume of correspondence and private papers collected during a lifetime of intimacy with the great men of his era.

He chopped a little wood for the fireplace and accumulated a supply unbelievable for its size when the source is considered—trash piles in the neighborhood alley. A student read the newspapers to him. He listened to the radio and even saw a movie at the neighborhood theater on occasion.

But his best moments were evenings in the garden during summer months or before the fireplace when the weather was inclement. There was always a drink, a good cigar, his devoted brother, August, 66. and perhaps a friend.

Leaves Two Dozen Books

He left behind him some two dozen books and thousands of essays. His series on "The American Language," a scholarly inquest into the origins of our speech, stands as a monument to his towering intellect.

And his three "Days" books, "Happy days", "Newspaper Days" and "Heathen Days" remain as evidence of the man's personal charm.

It has been said of the first of the three that it is the most engaging book on American boyhood since 'Huckleberry Finn."

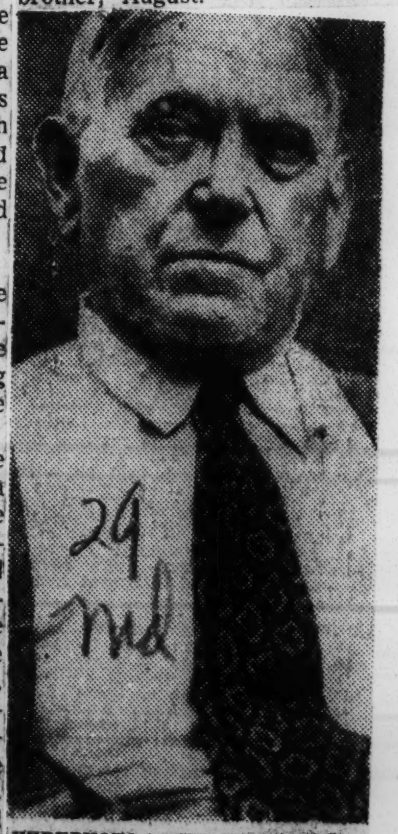
'Wink at Some Homely Girl'

Long ago, Mencken penned his own epitaph. And it still stands up today:

"If after I depart this vale, you ever remember me and have thought to please my ghost, forgive some sinner and wink your eye at some homely girl."

Survivors besides his brother, August, include a brother, Charles Mencken, who resides in Pittsburgh and a sister, Anna Gertrude, who lives in Baltimore. His wife, the former Miss Sara Haardt, of Montgomery, Ala., died in 1933. five year after they were married.

Funeral arrangements are not complete and will be "strictly private", according to the writer's brother, August.



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HENRY L. MENCKEN

Dr. J. L. Jones dies; funeral held Friday

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. Sat. 3-17-56

BALTIMORE

Dr. J. Leslie Jones, prominent chiropractor and civic leader, was cremated following funeral services at 10 a. m. last Friday, at St. James PE Church, Lafayette and Arlington Aves.

He died Sunday in Johns Hopkins Hospital after lapsing into a coma several days ago following an illness of two months.

Dr. Jones became ill on Dec. 3 of last year while visiting friends in Philadelphia. He was admitted to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in that city, where he remained until Jan. 28 when he returned to Baltimore.

He was admitted to Hopkins on Feb. 18. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Virginia Peters Jones; a son, J. Leslie Jones of Jersey City, and a brother, Leonard Hugh of New York City.

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THE FUNERAL was set for Friday in order that Mr. Hugh, a merchant seaman, could have a chance to reach this country aboard the ship on which he was then sailing.

The body of the chiropractor was on view at the Holland Funeral Home since Tuesday.

A native of British Guiana where his father was a clergyman, and his mother a nurse in the Colonial Hospital, Dr. Jones came to this country in 1915.

As a youthful merchant seaman, Dr. Jones traveled extensively throughout the world.

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HE WAS educated at the New York College of Chiropractic, the Physicians' and Surgeons' College, Chicago, and the National University of Therapeutics, Washington.

Bellevue Hospital, NYC; the Eberhardt Clinics in Hamburg, Germany, and the Fischer X-ray Laboratories in Chicago were the scenes of his post graduate work.

In 1939, Dr. Jones entered the race for a seat in the local city council as a representative of the Fourth District. The contest was a close one with Dr. Jones losing out by the margin of six votes to Leon Abramson, now president of the city council.

Again in 1942 and in 1954, Dr. Jones made unsuccessful bids for the council.

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HE WAS A veteran of World War One, Mason, Elk, Odd Fellow, member of the Order of St. Luke and Chi Sigma Omega Fraternity and St. James PE Church where he served as editor of the yearbook and church directory.

DR. J. LESLIE JONES

DR. HENRY DOUGLASS
Found dead at YMCA

Physician found dead at YMCA

BALTIMORE

"I just heard it an hour ago . . . he's all I have in the world . . . I don't know what to do."

Sobs broke off further conversation as Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, 2025 Division St., told how she received word that her nephew, Dr. Henry Douglass, was found dead in Washington.

The fully clothed body of the 42-year-old Howard University pathologist, was found Thursday in his fourth-floor room at the 12th St. YMCA.

A native of Baltimore, Dr. Douglass was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Douglass. His father was a postal employee for years. His mother, Mrs. Henrietta J. Douglass, died a year ago of injuries suffered when she was hit by a motorcycle. She was a well known church and civic worker.

Dr. Douglass was a graduate of Douglass High School and Howard University.

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OFFICIALS AT the YMCA told police Dr. Douglass had been residing there for the past five weeks. They said he was last seen Tuesday noon by a desk clerk.

A "do not disturb" sign was on the door Wednesday when

Dr. Ulysses Bourne buried in Frederick

DR. U. G. BOURNE'S FUNERAL — Members of the late Dr. Bourne's family are shown here as they leave the fashionable Frederick, Md. home of the popular physician enroute to Asbury Methodist hurch for the funeral. L-r: Draper Bourne, brother of the deceased; Mrs. Bourne, widow; Dr. Blanche Jordan, daughter; Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr., son; and Mrs. Gladys Thornton, daughter.

FREDERICK, Md. — "He was a quiet, unassuming man, doing only those things which he felt were for the good of his people and the community in which he lived."

In soft, deliberate tones, the Rev. Cecil B. LaGrange read the eulogy of Dr. Ulysses Grant Bourne Sr., 83, inside the crowded Asbury Methodist Church here Wednesday.

Dr. Bourne died in his sleep Sunday night, at Frederick Memorial Hospital where he had been in a coma for a week.

Assisting the Rev. Mr. LaGrange at the services was the Rev. Ezra Williams, former pastor of Asbury Church where Dr. Bourne trustee for 50 years.

Dr. Bourne

Members of the Frederick-tonian Masonic Lodge No. 12 served as pallbearers at the funeral. They were: Claude DeLauder, Ulysses Dailey, Paul Reid, Henry Brown, Austin Bowie and Samuel Stroud.

Dr. Bourne was buried in the family lot.

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NOTED FOR HIS service to the community, here., as a physician and friend, Dr. Bourne practiced medicine in Frederick 50 years, from 1903 to 1953.

For many years, he was the only tan physician here. His son Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr., joined him later and together, in 1949, they became the first members of the Frederick County Medical Society.

Young Dr. Bourne was also a member of the Frederick Memorial Hospital staff.

The senior Dr. Bourne helped to organize the Maryland Medical Society in 1940 and was its first president.

One of 10 children born to Lewis and Emily Bourne, Dr. Bourne was a native of Island Creek, Calvert County, Md.

In 1902 he received his medical degree from Leonard Medical College in Raleigh, N.C., now Shaw University. He was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland the following year.

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DR. BOURNE, who was married three times, is survived by three children; Dr. Bourne Jr. and Mrs. Gladys Thornton of Baltimore, children of his first marriage to Mrs. Grace Lane Bourne who died in 1914;

Also a daughter, Dr. Blanche Bourne Jordan, of Washington, born of his second marriage to Mrs. Mary Frances Beane Bourne, who died in 1950.

Dr. Bourne and his third wife were married in 1953. In addition to his widow he is survived by two grandchildren, Bourne Thornton and Lisa Bourne; a niece, Mrs. Jenny Richardson, Baltimore, and several other nieces and nephews.

Dr. Bourne was an active member of the Medical Association and also a Pythian Elk and Mason. For years, he served on the Board of the Henryton State Hospital.

An active Republican, he was regional vice president of the Sixth Republican District for several years.

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Sam Langford

Boxing's Fearless 'Tar Baby' Dies

Trib. 1-13-56

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 12 (AP)—Sam Langford, boxing's fearless "Tar Baby," died today just three months after he gained the 'Hall of Fame' recognition which almost eluded him in his sightless old age.

Langford died in comparative obscurity after a long illness in a nursing home at the age of 72.

Born in Weymouth, Nova Scotia, Langford ran away from home as a youth to embark on a career encompassing some 642 bouts from 1902 through 1923. His performances have caused many ring experts to consider him the greatest pound-for-pound fighting machine in the history of the professional sport.

Despite his maximum 162½ pound weight and 5 foot, 6½ inch height, Langford took on many heavyweights. His most memorable battle was a bloody 15 round loss on a close decision to Jack Johnson in nearby Chelsea in 1906 in which he was outweighed by 49 pounds.

Sam was knocked out in the 13th round against Clem Johnson in El Paso, Texas, in his final bout.

The following year Langford became blind as the result of eye injuries suffered over years of savage ring battles.

His only source of income in recent years was a trust fund set up by The New York Herold-Tribune after sports writer Al Laney discovered the destitute "Tar Baby" huddled in a small, cold room in New York's Harlem section. The fund drew contributions from sympathetic readers and reached a reported $10,892 at the time.

Langford's final public appearance was in 1952 at the site of many of his fights—Boston's old Mechanics Building. At the time he was given a testimonial by about 1,000 boxing enthusiasts and friends in New England.

Langford became a familiar sight on Cambridge streets during the past few years tapping the path of his daily walks with a white cane until his final sickness overtook him.

But for the "rediscovery" of Langford, the man's endless feats of courage and strength in the ring might have been overlooked. He was nominated to the Sport's Hall of Fame recently.

Langford was managed by Joe Woodman in his fistic years. At the age of 17 he already held a 15-round non-title decision over lightweight champion Joe Gans.

Perhaps Langford's greatest contribution was his efforts at the turn of the century—intentional or not—to present the Negro as a worthy addition to the competitive sports world. Langford fought in the days of a "color line" and was subjected to many "no decision" judgments by officials who refused to vote for him.

SAM LANGFORD.

SAM LANGFORD DIES, ONCE GREAT BOXER

Commercial Appeal

Special P. 29

Illness Fatal To 'Tar Baby' At Age Of 76

Memphis Tenn.

HAD 642 BOUTS IN RING

Fri. Jan 13 56

By The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 12. —Sam Langford, Boston's great "Tar Baby" of the ring of yesteryear, died Thursday in a nursing home at the age of 76.

Until recent weeks when his infirmities caught up with him, the legendary figure was a familiar sight on Cambridge streets as he tapped his way with a white cane.

Often Outweighed

Friends and old boxing fans frequently stopped him to chat about old days and the present crop of boxers.

None is expected to equal the feats of the Tar Baby, who is reputed to have fought 642 bouts from 1902 to 1923, many against men who greatly outweighed him.

Sam's greatest ring weight was only 162½ yet he battled, and beat, many a heavyweight. In 1906, when he lost a close 15-round decision in nearby Chelsea to Jack Johnson, who later became world heavyweight titlist, Sam weighed a mere 145.

His last public appearance was in 1952 in Boston's old Mechanics Building—where he fought many times—when he was greeted by a host of New England boxing figures.

Trust Fund Aided

Sam's only source of income was a trust fund set up by the New York Herald Tribune at the instigation of that paper's sports writer, Al Laney, after Langford was found blind and in dire circumstances in a frigid, cheerless room in New York's Harlem.

After stories of the Tar Baby's plight appeared on the country's sports pages, boxing fans contributed to a fund which reportedly grew to $10,892.

Sam, of Weymouth, Nova Scotia, had no immediate relatives.

Associated Press Wirephoto

OLD BOXER DEAD—Sam Langford, old-time boxer great who died yesterday at Cambridge, Mass., is shown as he appeared about 20 years ago. Langford, blind for many years, was 76 years old.

S. Langford Dies In Nursing Home Blind and Broke

Courier-Journal P. 9

Louisville, Ky.

Fri. 1-13-56

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 12 (U.P.)—Sam Langford, the "champion who never won a title," died at a nursing home today, blind and penniless.

Langford, the "Boston Tar Baby" of boxing circles 40 years ago, had been sightless for 32 years, but passed off the affliction recently in a United Press interview, "I've got no regrets."

Born in Nova Scotia, Langford became the most feared man in the ring before he was 25. Then Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson refused to fight him for the title.

Although he admitted to 70 years, the "Ring Record Book," bible of the fistic world, listed the popular Negro boxer as 76.

Langford, a penniless man at death, had lived in New York's Harlem section until the past 10 years after retiring from the ring. He told a United Press reporter not long ago as he sat in his dim nursing home room, "I have no regrets. I've had a good time, saw the world and made a lot of money.

Took On All The Champions

"Of course, I ain't got any money left now," he said, "but that's not important. If I'd had a good woman, maybe I'd have the money today."

Langford, who never weighed more than 160 during his fighting career, took on champions from all classes, including the heavyweights. Although he often won, the bouts always were exhibitions and thus the "Tar Baby" never was crowned.

Nevertheless, he was elected to boxing's Hall of Fame last year.

He once flattened Johnson when the 210-pound Negro was champion of the world, only to have Johnson knock him out the next round.

Sam traveled the globe in search of glory and the sheer love of ring combat. He'd fight anywhere, anytime, anyone. He won National crowns in England, Australia, France and Mexico.

Langford ended up blind, broke and practically friendless. Yet he once said: "I wouldn't have been in any other business for all the world."

SAM LANGFORD, 75, FIGHTER, IS DEAD

Times

Heavyweight Who Had 600 Bouts, None for Title, Was in Ring for 22 Years

Fri. 1-13-56

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New York N.Y.

Fought 600 Times

In a career embracing twenty-two years, Sam Langford fought more than 600 times, although official records credit him with only about half that many.

Langford was on the small side, but there are some who insist that he was among the greatest in the heavyweight division. The peak achievement in his career was a fifteen-round bout with Jack Johnson in the latter's pre-championship days. Johnson received a close decision but refused to meet Langford in a return bout.

Langford "chased" Johnson—and all the other champions of his era—but never was able to attain a crack at a title. He maintained a cheerful attitude about the whole thing, though, even after the constant pounding, in the wake of an old eye injury, made him blind.

Twice physicians operated on him and twice he recovered a degree of sight, but he ended his days in total darkness. Through most of his fighting days, which ended in 1923, Langford was managed by Joe Woodman, now 81 years old.

Between 1902, when he scored his first knockout—against Jack McVicker—and 1917, when he began to slide down the scale to fistic obscurity, there were those ready to say he was the greatest fighter of all time.

Bout With Jeannette

One of Langford's great fights was with Joe Jeannette at the old Madison Square Garden in 1911. By then he had become a heavyweight and The New York Times called the encounter one of the "greatest boxing bouts . . . seen in New York in years."

Between then and his 1917 scrap with Fred Fulton, which he had to quit in the seventh round because of his injured eye, he had many knockouts to his credit.

The battle with Johnson was in 1906. Sam was only 5 feet 6½ inches tall and had fought opponents of 160 to 200 pounds. It took Jack fifteen rounds to beat the scrappy little Negro, who at that time tipped the scales at 145 pounds compared with the giant's 198.

He was an easy fighter to manage, willing to take on almost anybody. He seldom signed contracts, and often could not get them if he would, because most fighters were scared of him. His habit was to knock them out as quickly as he could.

But he had enough fights to net him an estimated fortune of $200,000. All of this he frittered away, in having a good time and in helping others to have a good time. He probably gave away as much as he spent, being a willing victim to almost any kind of a hard luck tale.

Harlem has many legends about him—how he could not see a man looking into a restaurant without taking him in and how he gave away a fortune in overcoats to the homeless.

His Sight Restored

In 1924, with the sight of his right eye gone, a cataract developed over the pupil of his left eye, and Langford went completely blind. Sports writers and friends in the world he had known persuaded him to go to Dr. James W. Smith.

Dr. Smith, long an admirer of Langford, took him to French Hospital under the assumed name of Joe Price. There, under dramatic circumstances, the doctor removed the bandages several weeks after an operation—and Sam could see again.

The fighter, whose charity toward others was legendary, refused to accept it for himself. He "wouldn't bother the doc" after his release from the hospital, saying he would "rather be blind than owe any man a penny." As a result, the spring of 1935 found him shuffling through Harlem streets, broke and living in squalor.

Dr. Smith again came to the rescue of the fallen idol of Harlem. In Neurological Hospital on Welfare Island he repeated the operation or a decade before with equal success.

Late in 1935 Langford was injured in an automobile accident. But he recovered, and the next summer went to a ball game between two Negro teams that was attended by many famed men of the sports world. It was played for his benefit at Yankee Stadium.

In the years immediately following, Langford lived obscurely in Harlem. Mr. Laney "discovered" him living in a dingy hall bedroom in Harlem, and wrote a "feature" about him. This was in 1944.

The story aroused nation-wide interest, and a fund was founded that assured Langford an income of $1.65 a day for life. He moved back to Boston shortly after the establishment of the fund.

On Oct. 25, Langford was elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame, Old Timers' Division.

Associated Press

Sam Langford as he appeared about 20 years ago.

SAM LANGFORD, 'TAR BABY,' DIES

Daily Tribune Chicago Ill

Credited with 642 Bouts from 1902 to 1923

Fri. 1-13-56

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 12 (AP)—Sam Langford, Boston's great "Tar Baby" of the ring, died today in a nursing home at the age of 76.

Until recent weeks, he was a familiar sight on Cambridge streets as he tapped his way with a white cane.

Friends and old boxing fans frequently stopped him to chat about old days and the present crop of boxers.

Fought 642 Bouts

Langford is reputed to have fought 642 bouts from 1902 to 1923, many against men who greatly outweighed him.

Sam's top ring weight was only 162½ pounds, yet he battled, and beat, many a heavyweight. In 1906, when he lost a close 15 round decision in Chelsea, Mass., to Jack Johnson, who later became world heavyweight champion, Sam weighed 145.

His last public appearance was in 1952 in Boston's Old Mechanics building—where he fought many times—when he was greeted by New England boxing figures.

Trust Fund Set Up

Sam's only source of income was a trust fund set up after he was found blind and in dire circumstances in a room in New York's Harlem.

After stories of his plight appeared on the country's sports pages, boxing fans contributed to a fund which reportedly grew to $10,892.

Ring Great in Prime

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Sam Lanford, who died yesterday, shown in his heyday when he faced boxing's best—including heavyweights—tho he reached only middleweight poundage at his heaviest.

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MR. HUGH F. BARRINGTON PASSES:

The many friends of Mr. Hugh F. Barrington were saddened to learn of his death Sunday at his home in Detroit. Mr. Barrington graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1921 with a diploma in Applied Electricity. He was a student leader, serving as president of his class in his senior year and as Cadet Colonel in the Cadet Corps. After several years working as an electrician and operating a business in Birmingham, he returned to Tuskegee Institute where he served on the Commandant's Staff with the rank of Captain. Leaving Tuskegee in 1935 he established himself in business in Detroit and became one of the leading contractors of that city. He is survived by his wife and three children. Hugh F. Barrington, Jr., a 1954 graduate of Tuskegee, is now in Service.

DOCTOR DIES WHILE AT DAUGHTER'S GRADUATION

NEW YORK (Dr. Joseph A. Berry of Tuskegee Institute died suddenly Wednesday while there to attend an NAACP board meeting and witness the graduation of his daughter at Bates College. Burial was in Minneapolis.

School Principal Killed In Mississippi Tornado

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Kansas City, Mo.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The tornado which last week cut a swath across the Mid-South and the Midwest caused the death of two persons in towns near Memphis.

In Tunica, Miss., James S. Lenoir, 57-year-old principal-teacher who also pastored two AME churches, was killed outright when the roof of the Miller school building fell on him as he attempted to close the door and shield his class from a wind and rain storm.

In Lexington, Tenn., five-year-old William Kizer was killed in his home when the storm completely destroyed it. Falling debris critically injured three other members of his family.

Mrs. Ruth S. Lenoir, widow of the Rev. Mr. Lenoir, told the CALL reporter, that she was about to give out some parts for the school closing play, when she noticed the severe winds and rains had blown out a window and had blown a door open. "One of the pupils, Henry Burke, tried to close the door," she said. "When the wind proved too stiff, Rev. Lenoir then attempted to close it; that was the last time I saw him alive."

About two years ago, the same school building, a frame structure, was damaged by a severe storm and had never been repaired.

Final rites for Rev. Lenoir were held Sunday afternoon at St. Peter's AME church, with the J. W. Miles, presiding elder, delivering the eulogy. The pastor, Rev. G. A. Jones, officiated. Burial was in the Lane Chapel cemetery. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son in Detroit and a daughter, Mrs. Primrose Bailey of Clarksdale, Miss.

Funeral For Dr. Ebert L. Tatum Native Kansan, Held in Mississippi

Call p. 1 Kansas City, Mo. Fri. 6-15-56

JACKSON, Miss. — Final rites or Dr. Elbert L. Tatum, who died Monday, June 4, were held at the Central Methodist church, here Wednesday, June 6. Dr. Tatum, the 11th child in a family of 15, was born to the late Andrew and Alice Smiley Tatum in Topeka, Kans., on April 7, 1902.

He received his early schooling in Mississippi schools, including Rust college, and was graduated from high school at Western university in Quindaro, Kans. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Loyola university, Illinois.

Dr. Tatum, an outstanding educator and author of the scholarly book, "The Changed Political Thought of the Negro 1915-1940," has served as professor of social science at Langston university, Langston, Okla.; Morgan college, Baltimore; Wiley college, Marshall, Texas; Stowe Teachers college, St. Louis; A. M. and N. college, Pine Bluff, Ark., and until his recent illness was chairman of the area of social science at Jackson State college here. He was a Mason, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and of the Central Methodist church.

Dr. Tatum leaves Mrs. Ola Mae Scroggins Tatum; three sisters, Mrs. Birdie Madison of Montrose, Miss.; Mrs. Luella Stroud of East St. Louis, Ill., and Mrs. Jessie Mae Steel of Sumrall, Miss.; two brothers Adelbert Tatum of Chicago, Ill.; and Felix Tatum of Ponchatoula, La.; Mrs. Elizabeth Scroggins, mother-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The eulogy was presented by Rev. S. L. Webb, pastor of the Central Methodist church with remarks by Jacob L. Reddix, president of Jackson state college. Active pallbearers were J. Dennis Beck, Alvin C. Coleman, Iollin P. Beck, Alvin C. Coleman.. Rollin P. Green, E. L. Lipscomb, Walter O. Robinson

Honorary pallbearers included R. H. Beasley, George Currie, H. B. Bernstein, Rev. Frederick Brown, Dr. T. A. Daley, Dr. J. B. Eubanks, L. B. Fraser, DeLars Funches. Dr. A. M. Hall, John Hall, J. D. Hardy, Dr. V. Horatio Henry, Kenneth Johnson, Lawrence A. Jones, I. C. Manning, Dr. A. H. McCoy, B. J. McCullough, S. W. Miller, Leroy O'Quinn, William Peterson, Reverend A. L. Rice, H. T. Sampson, I. S. Sanders, D. W. Wilburn, and F. O. Woodard.

Interment was in Garden Memorial Park, Jackson.

Former President Of C. M. And I. College Passes

Jackson, Miss. Sat. 6-1-56

Rev. Moses W. Wilson, well known religious and educational leader in Mississippi, passed suddenly in his home in Meridian last Sunday afternoon of a heart attack. Rev. Wilson was a native of Claiborne County and was a graduate of Alcorn College.

Rev. Wilson was for several years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Port Gibson, Mississippi. He served for several years as President of C. M. and I. College in Jackson; and he was for a number of years President of The Baptist Seminary in Meridian. At the time of his passing he was Superintendent of the Lauderdale County Consolidated High School.

His survivors include his wife Mrs. Betsy Wilson, nine children, and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held in Meridian from the Metropolitan Funeral Home Thursday Morning at 10:00 A. M.; and at the First Baptist Church, Port Gibson at 3:00 P. M. that afternoon.

Dr. Elbert L. Tatum

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Leading Educator Buried in Jackson

Apr. 6-23-36

JACKSON, Miss.—Final rites for Dr. Elbert L. Tatum were held at the Central Methodist Church. Dr. Tatum, the eleventh child in a family of 15, was born to the late Andrew and Alice Smiley Tatum in Topeka, Kan., on April 7, 1902.

He received his early schooling in Mississippi schools, including Rust College, and was graduated from high school at Western University in Quindaro, Kan. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Loyola University, Ill.

Dr. Tatum, an outstanding educator and author of the scholarly book, "The Changed Political Thought of the Negro, 1915-1940," had served as professor of social science at Langston University, Langston, Okla.; Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.; Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.; Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, Mo.; AM&N College, Pine Bluff, Ark., and until his recent illness was chairman of the Area of Social Science at Jackson State College, Jackson, Miss. He was a Mason, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and of Central Methodist Church.

Dr. Tatum leaves to mourn his death, a devoted wife, Mrs. Olga Mae Scroggins Tatum; three sisters, Mrs. Birdie Madison of Montrose, Miss.; Mrs. Luella Stroud of East St. Louis, Ill., and Mrs. Jessie Mae Steel of Sumrall, Miss.; two brothers, Adelbert Tatum, of Chicago, Ill., and Felix Tatum of Ponchatoula, La.; Mrs. Elizabeth Scroggins, mother-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral Rites Held Monday For Pioneer State Doctor

Jackson, Miss. Apr. 8-4-36

Dr. T. L. Zuber Is Heart Attack Victim

West Point, Miss., July 30.—Funeral rites were held here Monday for Dr. Thos. L. Zuber, pioneer state medical practitioner, widely known for his activities and leadership in many other fields aside from that of his chosen profession.

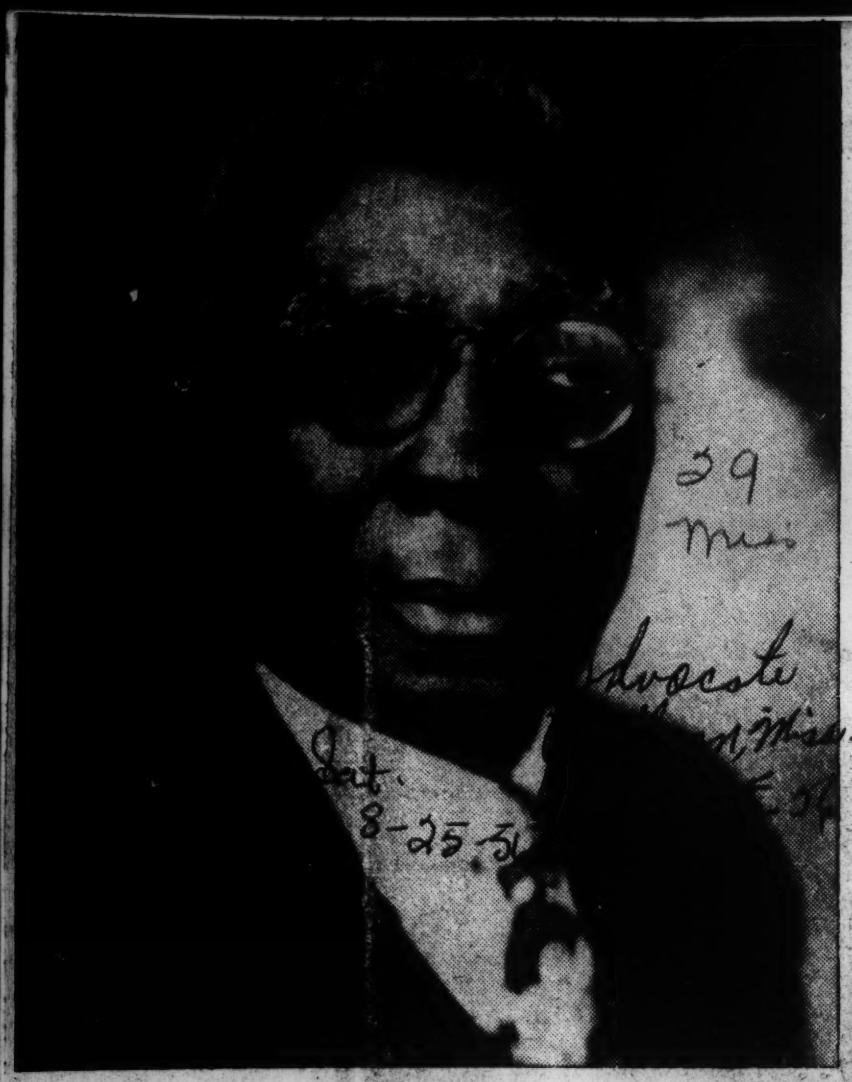
Dr. Zuber was the victim of a heart attack last Thursday.

Aside from being one of the pioneer Negro doctors of the state Dr. Zuber was active until his death in the business, civic, and community life of his community and the state. A life-long Republican he had only recently been elected delegate to the Republican National Convention in San Francisco, Calif., which he had planned to attend later this month. He was also actively identified with the Boy Scout movement in this area where he served as a member of the Scout Committee.

Dr. Zuber was a graduate of Meharry Medical College of Nashville, Tenn., and was among the first group of Negro doctors to begin the practice of medicine in the state. Aside from general practice he had earned an enviable reputation in the field of surgery.

A veteran of the First World War, Dr. Zuber was among the relatively few Negro officers commissioned at that time.

Among his survivors are his wife Mrs. Augusta Zuber long identified with the teaching profession in the state, and a brother also a widely known practicing physician of the state, Dr. Walter L. Zuber, of Tupelo.



FOR HIM NO REPLACEMENT: Leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, including Bishop R. R. Wright, at Campbell College here this week for the 8th Episcopal District Youth Clinic, saw no replacement for Rev. John Wesley Hair, indefatigable worker for Campbell College, and Treasurer of the District, longtime Presiding Elder and builder of the Church in Mississippi, and one of the leading churchmen of the nation who died here Sunday after dictating his funeral plans to his grand daughter. His death followed a major operation Friday.

Dr. Herbert L. Lang

Baptist Leader Is Laid to Rest

JACKSON, Miss.—News of the death of Herbert L. Lang, founder and president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary on North Farish St., came as a shock to many citizens of this city and state. Dr. Lang died in New Orleans after a brief illness.

Dr. Lang first started his work of training ministers when he founded the Union Baptist Seminary in New Orleans. So many of his students were from Mississippi that he dreamed of finding a means to reach them.

As a result of his growing interest in Mississippi, Dr. Lang resigned to become dean of extension work for the seminary.

After many months of growing success, the Negro Baptists of the Prentiss Institute area, along with the State Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention assisted Dr. Lang in founding the Union Baptist Theological Seminary at Prentiss, Miss.

ONE OF Dr. Lang's innovations was "The School of Theology on Wheels," the primary aim of which was to organize and implement classes in various strategic areas of the state.

The success of this he hoped would come about through racial cooperation. He desired by this means to train in-service ministers and lay leaders of the Baptist Church, in particular, by giving them as much instruction as possible in their own locale.

On a broader scale, he dreamed of raising the educational level of Christian leadership for the Negro race in general.

That his ideals of interracial cooperation and work in the home mission field were realized is shown by the fact that the state office of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, which he founded on North Farish St., is now organized and incorporated as an interracial home mission project with a board of trustees of 21 persons, 11 white and 10 Negro.

DEATH VICTIM: Dr. H. L. Lang, above, President and Founder of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, with headquarters on North Farish Street, here, who died Sunday in New Orleans, La.

Passing Of Rev. J. W. Hair Marks End Of Career Of States Most Outstanding AME Churchman

The passing of Rev. John Wesley Hair here Sunday night marked the end of the career of Mississippi's most outstanding AME Churchman, which extended over a period of more than fifty years.

After dictating plans for his funeral to his grand-daughter in the late afternoon Rev. Hair died quietly at a local hospital at eight o'clock Sunday night. His death followed a major operation the preceding Friday.

A native of Mississippi, Rev. Hair began as a boy preacher at the age of seven, and being admitted at the age of twelve became the youngest preacher in history to be admitted to full membership in an Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Taking the fullest advantage of the educational opportunities of his youth he became highly regarded for his scholarship and knowledge, especially as regards the history and tradition of his church and aside from formal degrees he was the recipient of a long list of honorary degrees.

His remarkable career as the state's most outstanding AME Churchman is attested to by the fact that he has been the right hand man of a long succession of Bishops who have presided over the 8th Episcopal District and as Chancellor Campbell College. It is his work for Campbell College more than anything else that contributes to his outstanding career. In the ups and downs of the institution, in its worst years, it was Rev. Hair more than any other AME Churchman in the state who worked indefatigably for the college to put it on its present high road to success.

It was the character, astuteness, and integrity of Rev. Hair which kept open the avenues of credit and contact with the banks and business community of Jackson without which the program of the church and Campbell College could not have developed to its present state. He was the Treasurer of the District at his death.

He has to his credit the building of several of the outstanding churches in the state, and greeatly increasing the value of church property in the state.

In point of service Rev. Hair was the oldest Presiding Elder in the State of Mississippi, if not in the entire African Methodist Episcopical Church. For many years he served as the Presiding Elder of the Jackson District, and at his death was the presiding elder of the East Mississippi District.

His career which lead him, on several recent occasions, to seek the high office of Bishop brought him recognition as one of its elder statesmen, and made him widely known and highly respected throughout the church.

Funeral Rites Held For Dr. J. A. Hibbler

Call F.S. Kansas City Mo.
M. 3-23-36

Sudden Death of Young Surgeon Shocks Community

Funeral services were held yesterday for Dr. John Arthur Hibbler Jr., prominent physician and surgeon who died early Monday morning at Wheatley-Provident hospital after suffering a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He was 44.

Dr. Hibbler was stricken at the home, 2401 Tracy Ave., at 12:45 p.m., Sunday and was taken to the hospital immediately. Present

DR. J. ARTHUR HIBBLER

at the time were his wife, Mrs. Evangeline Hibbler, and the couple's 13-year-old son, John Arthur, III.

Dr. Hibbler died 17 hours after he was admitted to the hospital. His death was a great shock to the community, especially to his patients and professional associates, most of whom were unaware that he suffered from hypertension.

Practiced 15 Years

Dr. Hibbler had practiced medicine in Kansas City 15 years, opening his office at 2434 Vine St. in July, 1939. He had remained at that location.

He was on the staffs of the Wheatley-Provident and Douglass hospitals and during the early 1940's was on the surgical staff at General hospital No. 2. He was a member of the Wyandotte County Medical Society, the Aesculapian Medical Society, both in Kansas City, Kas., and the National Medical Association. He joined the Wyandotte County group at a time when the Jackson County Medical Society refused to admit Negro physicians.

He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and the I. B. Blackburn lodge of the Prince Hall Masons.

He was one of the first surgeons in this area to use tantalum wire, a suture material which, because of its high tensile strength, enabled patients to get out of bed the first day following surgery. Dr. Hibbler believed firmly that early ambulation for surgical patients (allowing the patient out of bed soon after an operation) hastened recovery and he preached this belief to the young doctors who assisted him in operations.

Wife Worked With Him

Mrs. Hibbler, a registered nurse and an anesthesiologist, often worked with her husband.

At the height of his career he often performed as many as five major operations a day and frequently followed this with minor operations, such as tonsillectomies, in his office.

During the past year, however he had reduced his practice considerably, working no more than two or three hours daily. Few people outside of his immediate family and a small number of professional intimates knew that he was not well, however. He had suffered from high blood pressure for about 10 years, but had managed to keep the condition under control.

Not even his father was aware of his illness. "He was always worrying about me and telling me to take care of my health, but he never mentioned that he, himself, was ill," father said this week

"Commuted" To Oklahoma

Dr. Hibbler's reputation as a surgeon extended beyond the Greater Kansas City community. In 1944, he was asked by Dr. DeKoven French of Muskogee, Okla., to come to that city to perform several operations. Dr. French was a general practitioner and the town had no Negro surgeon.

For several years after that first trip, Dr. Hibbler made regular week-end trips to Muskogee, usually performing two to three operations each time. The post-operative care of the patient was performed by Dr. French. This state-spanning cooperation between the two medics ended several years ago with the death of the Oklahoma physician.

Dr. Hibbler had two skills about which he was especially proud, the speed with which he performed operations and his ability as a cook. He demonstrated more than once his ability to perform an appendectomy, from the opening incision to the final suture, in nine minutes.

He Enjoyed Cooking

A good cook, he enjoyed preparing steak dinners for which he concocted a special mushroom sauce. He was equally proud of his vegetable soup. It was characteristic of him that he was preparing dinner when he was stricken Sunday afternoon.

He never affixed the title "Jr." to his name, preferring to sign it, "J. Arthur Hibbler II."

He was born April 26, 1911, in Little Rock, Ark., the son of Attorney John Arthur Hibbler and the late Mrs. Fannie Bell Hibbler. The mother died when John Arthur was nine and Atty. Hibbler later married Mrs. Tearie Fowler.

There were three children. A sister, Mrs. Fannie Bell Carter, now lives in Denver. A younger brother Myles Albert, became a lawyer, and practiced with the father in Little Rock until his death in 1946. Dr. Hibbler's death fell on the exact date that his brother was buried 10 years ago.

Taught Two Years

Young John Arthur was graduated from the high school of the Arkansas Baptist college in Little Rock when he was 15 years old. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Lincoln university in Pennsylvania four years later. He taught science in the Dunbar high school of Little Rock for two years and then left the classroom as a teacher to re-enter as a student, entering Meharry Medical college, where he concentrated on surgery. He won his M. D. four years later.

He interned at General hospital No. 2 and spent a three-year residency there on surgery. He began private practice in 1939.

Dr. Hibbler was married Jan. 10, 1942, to Miss Evangeline O. Thornton. The wedding took place in Lawrenceville, Va., Miss Thornton's home.

The marriage united two families well-known in their respective communities. Mrs. Hibbler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Thornton, 1412 the Paseo. Mr. Thornton, a prominent businessman moved to Kansas City several years ago and was vice-principal of the R. T. Coles school and director of the Jackson County Parental Home for Boys at Little Blue, before he began devoting all of his time to private business.

Father In Politics

Attorney Hibbler, known throughout the state of Arkansas as a successful lawyer, is also a figure in state Republican circles. He is a member of the GOP state committee and has attended every national convention since 1920, either as a delegate or an alternate.

As a student at Lincoln university, young Hibbler had played football and had boxed. This collegiate interest in sports remained constant throughout his life and he was a frequent spectator at World Series baseball games and championship prizefights. In recent years he had developed an interest in hunting and fishing, the latter sport he enjoyed with his son.

Doctors Are Pallbearers

The Rev. C. Baker Pearle officiated at the funeral rites which were held at the Bethel AME church yesterday. Prayer was offered by Father Alfred L. duDomaine of the St. Augustine Episcopal church.

The church was filled to standing for the one-hour service. A great bank of flowers extended across the entire front of the chapel and around a part of the walls.

Remarks were made by Dr. L. W. Turner, for the National Medical Association; Dr. William H. Dyer, for the Wyandotte County Medical Society, and Mrs. Eloise Taft, for the Women's Medical Auxiliary. Mrs. M. P. Crouch, superintendent of nurses at the Wheatley-Provident hospital acknowledged messages of condolence.

Three selections, "Ave Maria," "Ah Sweet Mystery Of Life," and "The Lord's Prayer," were sung by Mrs. Maybell Porter.

Rev. Pearle's eulogy was brief. He compared the work of the physician with that of the minister. Both are healers, he said. "The minister and the doctor frequently cross paths," he said. "One is healing the body and the other is healing the soul. And the farther we go in our work, the closer we find these two to be."

"A Natural Surgeon"

He described Dr. Hibbler as a successful doctor who realized that, his own medical skill notwithstanding, every man needs something in his life beyond knowledge and training. This necessary something, he implied, is a faith and belief in God.

Dr. Turner reviewed the career of the deceased, describing him as a "natural surgon." "He had the most natural pair of surgical hands I ever saw in my life," Turner said. He recalled that for many years he and Dr. Hibbler had worked together as a team in the operating room. Then they decided that the skills and knowledge they had acquired should be passed on to younger men, Dr. Turner stated.

"Hibbler believed that it was our duty to help train others coming after us," he said. He recalled that in keeping with this resolution, Dr. Hibbler had taken two young, promising surgeons as his surgical assistants.

Dr. Dyer, a long-time friend of Dr. Hibbler, who had performed many operations for him, recalled his confidence in the younger man. "When I followed him into the operating room with one of my patients, I had no fear," he declared.

Dr. Hibbler had also organized the surgical staff at Douglass hospital, Dyer said.

A Jolly Good Fellow

He recalled that Hibbler was always seeking to improve his "talents." Each year, he said the two of them attended the meeting of the American Association of Railway Surgeons, in Chicago where the latest techniques in surgery were studied and reviewed.

"As a social person." Dr. Dyer continued, "Hibbler was a 'jolly good fellow.'" "Everyone who knew him liked him."

Mrs. Crouch said that she spoke for nurses who had worked with Hibbler both in the operating room and in the hospital wards.

"It was a pleasure to watch him in the performance of his duties, to note his accuracy and his surgical skill. If we did a good job, he was the first to tell us; if we did something wrong, he told us that too. It was good to have someone who was honest with us," she said.

Reads Patient's Poem

Mrs. Crouch ended her remarks by reading a poem, "To My Doctor," which had been written for Dr. Hibbler by a patient, Mrs Amanda Bailey.

The active pallbearers were Doc

tors P. C. Turner, V. L. Dixon, W H. Dyer, L. L. Holbert, W. H Bryan and L. W. Turner. Honorar pallbearers were members of the several medical association with which Dr. Hibbler was affiliated, members of he Pine Mountain Lodge and the Land Investors Association.

Burial was in the Lincoln cemetery.

In addition to the a forementioned parents, the wife and son, and the sister, the deceased is survived by two neices, the daughters of Mrs. Carter, who is employed in the city welfare department of Denver; several cousins including, William Hibbler of Detroit, Horatio Welch of South Bend, Ind., and Al Hibbler, the singer.

Persons who came from out of the city for the services include Mrs. Carter, sister of the deceased, Mrs. P. C. Carter of Pitesburg, Kas., John Fisher of Lynchburg , Va., Miss Vivian King of Chicago, David Claborn of Little Rock, and Dr. and Mrs. Vassel Tolbert of Detroit.

Mrs. P. C. Carter is a cousin of Mrs. Hibbler; Mr. Fisher, is an uncle.

Dr. Hibler, Noted Surgeon Passes In Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Dr. John A. Hibler, 44, widely known surgeon, died here last week of a heart attack. He had been in poor health for several months but had continued with his office practice.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., he had practiced in this city since 1938. He served on the staffs of Wheatley-Provident hospital here and Douglass hospital, Kansas City, Kas.

He was graduated from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, with undergraduate work done at Lincoln U., Pa. A member of Wyandotte County Medical Society he was also affiliated with National Medical Association and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He was an interne in General Hospital No. 2 of this city where he put in his resident in surgery work.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Evangeline Thornton-Hibler; son, John Hibler, III; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hibler, Sr., Little Rock, Ark., and sister, Mrs. Fannie Bell Carter of Denver.

Dr. J. E. Perry 86 Years Old

Dr. J. Edward Perry, founder and superintendent-emeritus of the Wheatley-Provident hospital, was 86 years old on Monday, April 2. He received many telegrams, cards and gifts from friends, former patients and other well-wishers.

The physician's wife, Mrs. Ora Stokes Perry, had an informal "Open House" in honor of Dr. Perry Tuesday evening with scores of friends dropping by.

Dr. Perry was honored at a birthday dinner Monday night given by Miss Christine Burnett, 1538 Woodland Ave.

Dr. Perry was surprised Monday night by a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Sherman D. Scruggs of Jefferson City. Dr. Scruggs is president of Lincoln university.

Former Lincoln U. President Dies

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.— William Barrington "Pops" Jason, vice-president of Lincoln U., also former acting president and president of the institution, died on last Friday at the home of his niece, Mrs. Vesta L. Johnson of Washington D. C. Mr. Jason was 89 years of age.

About two years ago, Mr. Jason was given a leave of absence because of ill health.

He first came to Lincoln in the year 1919 and served as professor of Mathematics, coach of the football team and later dean of the college before becoming president.

He was a native of Pennsylvania and was educated at Howard U. and the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to his coming to Lincoln U., he served on the faculty of Georgia State college.

He was a Veteran of World War I, a member of the local American Legion Post and was a Mason and charter member of the local Anniversary club.

Dr. Samuel Stafford 84, dies in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—Funeral services for Dr. Samuel Patterson Stafford, a physician here for 57 years, were held Thursday morning at All Saints Episcopal Church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Dr. Stafford died last Sunday night of a heart ailment at Homer G. Phillips Hospital. He was 84 years old.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., Stafford was graduated from Brown's College in 1893 and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1897, being the first of his race to finish the university's four - year medical course. He interned at Freedman's Hospital in Washington.

THE YOUNG physician had already achieved national recognition when, in 1899, as superintendent of Provident Hospital (Now Peoples Hospital) he overcame the handicap of not having a training school for his nurses by personally training four young women, who learned their lessons so well that two of them later made the highest grades in the entire nation in a civil service examination to become nurses on two Indian reservations.

In November, 1901, Dr. Stafford was appointed a government physician at the Yakima Indian Agency in the State of Washington. Looking toward the future and the opportunity for a young physician in St. Louis, he turned down the offer.

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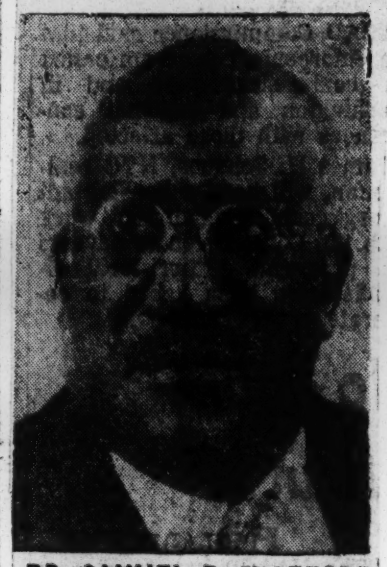
FOR YEARS, the physician gave several months free surgery service to the old City Hospital. He worked tirelessly too, with the late Homer G. Phillips to make H. G. Phillips Hospital a reality. He journeyed to Europe to become the "first" of his race to study at the London Hospital and Medical College, London, England.

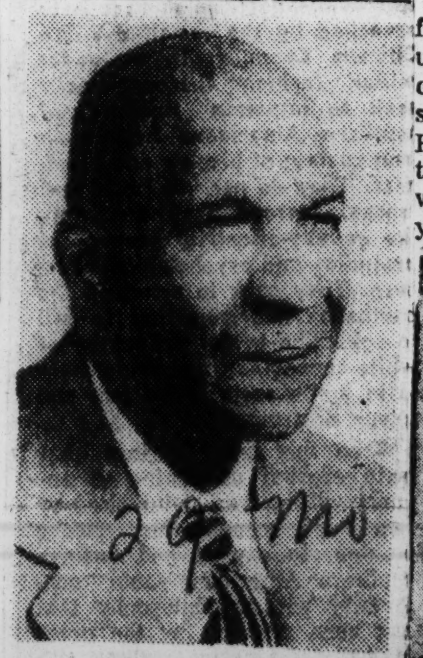
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Stafford; and two sons; Samuel Stafford, administrator of Florida A and M Hospital, Tallahhassee, Fla.; and George Stafford, teacher at Sumner High School here.



DR. SAMUEL P. STAFFORD

Death Comes To Retired St. Joseph Physician

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—Dr. Fenton N. Goodson, a practicing physician in St. Joseph for more than 40 years, died in his home at 32[illegible] East Missouri Avenue, on Sunday night.



DR. FENTON N. GOODSON

Born in Carrollton, Mo., 68 years ago, he was a graduate of the Meharry Medical college of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Goodson came to St. Joseph in 1911. He retired in 1953 and had been in failing health for some time.

He was a veteran of World War I, and held membership in Roy Curd Post 51 of the American Legion; he was a member of Keystone Lodge 173 F. and A. M. and the First Baptist Mount Union church.

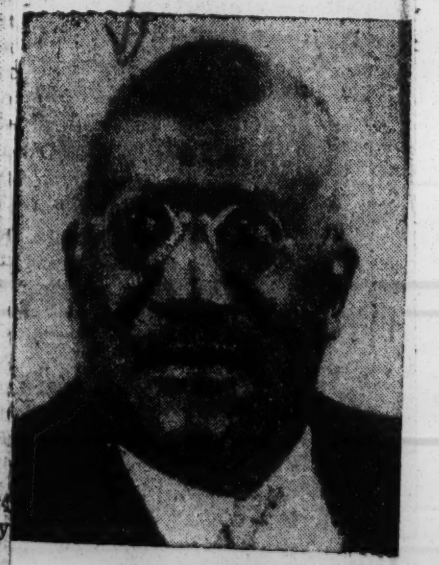
The immediate survivors include the wife, Mrs. Mable J. Goodson, of the home; a daughter, Miss Ruth D. Goodson, also of the home, who is a case worker at the Buchanan County Welfare office; a sister, Mrs. Anna Calimese of Carrollton, Mo.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist Mount Union church, Rev. C. O. Banks, pastor, officiating and interment was held in Ashland cemetery, the Alexander Funeral home directing.

Dr. Stafford Funeral Held In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — Dr. Samuel Patterson Stafford, pioneer St. Louis physician, was buried last week from All Saints Episcopal church. He was 84.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., Dr. Stafford was the first Negro to graduate from the regular four-year course at the University of Pennsylvania medical school in 1897. He interned at Freedman's hospital in Washington, D. C., then went to St. Louis the following year.



DR. STAFFORD

Dr. Stafford was the first regular superintendent of Peoples hospital, and in 1901 became the first Negro physician to be appointed to the position of physician at an Indian reservation.

He studied in London at the London hospital and medical college, and traveled in parts of Europe, studying medical advances and techniques.

Dr. Stafford is survived by his widow, Bertha; two sons, S. Tanner Stafford, of Tallahassee, Fla., and George B. Stafford, of St. Louis.

Popular Teacher

Speakers Praise Devotion to Duty, Unselfish Service

J. R. Lillard was pictured as one of the finest and most outstanding young men to grow up in the Kansas City community in a quarter of a century at funeral services held for the popular school

J. R. LILLARD

teacher Wednesday afternoon at the Allen Chapel A.M.E. church.

A teacher here for 20 years, Lillard died at the age of 44 Friday morning, Sept. 7, at the Wheatley Provident hospital where he had been taken a few hours earlier. His unexpected death shocked the community.

Lillard met his classes on the opening day of school Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the new Lincoln junior high school and was in school all day Thursday, Sept. 6. He became ill Thursday night at his home, 2658 Lockridge, and was rushed to the hospital by his sister, Miss Dorothy E. C. Lillard, also a school teacher here.

He was placed under an oxygen tent in an effort to prolong his life but he succumbed shortly before 8 a.m., about the time he would normally be reporting for school duty.

Lillard had suffered from high blood pressure for several years and during the past summer vacation had lost 30 pounds, under the direction of physicians, in an effort to relieve the condition. He had been to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., during the summer where he had been told to "take it easy."

The Rev. C. A. Williams, veteran AME minister, in paying tribute to the young man, said, "J. R. Lillard was one of the finest and most outstanding young men who has grown up in this community in the last quarter of a century. He was industrious, energetic and civic-minded. And oh, how sudden was his passing! It was like a bolt of thunder out of a clear, blue sky. Praise God for a life so well lived."

Eight Pay Tribute

The Rev. Mr. Williams was one of eight persons who paid tribute to Lillard preceding the eulogy which was delivered by the Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, pastor of Allen Chapel of which Lillard had been a life-long member.

All of the speakers referred to Lillard's devotion to duty, his interest in civic affairs, his enthusiasm and energy and his willingness to serve whenever and wherever a need arose. More than one speaker said that Lillard did not know how to say "no" to any request made of him.

The Rev. D. A. Holmes, pastor of the Paseo Baptist church, referred to Lillard as an "ever ready" man who was always ready to work and serve his community and humanity. "He was ever ready like a battery," said the Rev. Mr. Holmes, "but all batteries burn up and Lillard, like a battery, burned himself up serving others."

On Trustee Board

J. R. Lillard, who was born in Kansas City May 20, 1912, was baptized in infancy in Allen Chapel and continued as an active member throughout his life. He was a member of the trustee board at the time of his death.

Lillard was the only son of the late Randall B. and Coral Lillard. He attended the Phillips and Penn elementary school and Lincoln high school from where he was graduated in 1928. In high school, he was an outstanding dramatics student and an athlete. He was a protege of the late J. Oliver Morrison, for many years teacher of English and dramatics at Lincoln high.

Upon his graduation from high school, Lillard entered Wilberforce university in Ohio, then transferred in 1929 to the University of Nebraska from where he received his A. B. degree in edueation in 1936.

He began teaching mathematics and English in the Kansas City school system in the fall of 1936 at the R. T. Coles Vocational and Junior high school and remained there until this year when the Coles faculty was transferred to the new junior high school.

Directed Athletic Program

At Coles, Lillard had charge of the athletic program and through his promotional activities he built up the Coles championship team until it was known throughout the area. He led a campaign a few years ago to raise money to purchase new uniforms for the R. T. Coles band.

Lillard obtained his master's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1950 and had done work during summers toward his doctorate at Columbia university in New York. Lillard had planned to attend summer school this year but after physicians at Mayo advised him to "slow down" he did not go.

During World War II, Lillard worked for the government at Bremmerton, Wash., as a consultant for industrial workers. Later, he went overseas as a Red Cross social worker, serving as program director at the Leghorn USO club. Following his war service from 1943 to 1947, he returned to the Kansas City schools and began to work in community projects.

Worked For Wheatley

His most outstanding volunteer work was done in connection with the Wheatley-Provident hospital. Returning home to find the hospital in need of leadership, he became a member of the board of directors and soon was elected president of the board, serving for several years.

It was during his presidency that plans were made for the Wheatley expansion program which includes the proposed purchase of the Lakeside hospital at 29th and Flora. Last spring, Lillard took a month's leave of absence without pay from his school duties to work in the Wheatley campaign for funds.

Lillard was active in local and state educational organizations. He was a member and a former vice-president of the Kansas City District Association of Teachers and served as president of the Secondary Teachers' Study club. He was a former officer with the Teachers' Cooperative Council and of the Missouri State Teachers' association. He was also a member of the NEA. Last year, he was elected as a delegate from the Missouri State Teachers' association to the President's White House Conference on Education in Washington, D. C.

In addition to his civic activities, Lillard was a member of the Westport lodge No. 46, F. and A. M.; the Beta Lambda chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Ivanhoe club and the Morrison Players dramatics group.

He was known by Alpha Phi Alpha men all over the country and was beloved by them. Lillard had attended most of the Alpha conventions held during the last 20 years, going at his own expense.

He had served as president of the Beta Beta chapter of the fraternity at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and as president of the Beta Lambda graduate chapter in Kansas City. For four years, he was mid-western regional director of the fraternity and had served as convention secretary and on numerous committees. Three of his Alpha brothers came from out of town to attend his funeral services, Lewis O. Swingler of Memphis, William A. Glenn and Howard Hatter of Omaha.

The Westport Masonic lodge of which Bruce Watkins is master conducted Masonic rites at the Watkins Brothers Funeral home Tuesday night and also graveside services in the Highland cemetery Wednesday.

Lillard is survived by two sisters, Miss Dorothy E. C. Lillard of the home, and Mrs. Marie Moorman, former Community Service worker here now of Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. Reece Tatum, 4346 Benton Blvd.; a niece, Miss Patricia Moorman of Los Angeles; an aunt, Mrs. Rose Norton, 2736 Sherman, Kansas City, Kas., and several cousins.

Miss Dorothy Lillard, a teacher at the Greenwood school this year, just recently returned to this country from Frankfort, Germany, where for the past two years she established reading classes for dependents of airmen at the Rhein Main air base.

Following Masonic rites at the funeral home Tuesday evening, Lillard's body was taken to the home of his daughter where it remained until the funeral hour. Lillard's daughter is married to Reece "Goose" Tatum, famous basketball star formerly with the Harlem Globetrotters and now co-owner of the Harlem Magicians.

Besides Mrs. Moorman and her daughter, persons coming from out of town to attend the funeral services were: Lewis O. Swingler of Memphis; William A. Glenn of Omaha, in whose wedding Lillard served as best man in 1940; Howard Hatter, former schoolmate and fraternity brother of Lillard; Mr. and Mrs. Madison Hoggart of St. Joseph, cousins; Miss Bea Murry, supervisor of nurses at the Veterans hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Charlotte Wheeler, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Young, Lincoln, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Douglass of St. Louis, mother and stepfather of Mrs. Tatum.

Active pallbearers were Dr. T. T. Lowrey, George Perry, Leslie Smith, Edward Reaves, Dr. L. W. Turner and James Wilkinson.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Westport lodge, Beta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, the Ivanhoe club, the Lincoln junior high school faculty, the Morrison Players, the trustees of Allen Chapel and the board members and staff of Wheatley hospital.

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NEW HAMPHIRE

World War II Admiral King Dies

Daily World
Jues. 6-26-56
Atlanta, Ga.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. (INS) — Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, who took command of the Navy two weeks after the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, died Monday in Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

The 77-year-old "sea dog" suffered a severe heart failure 36 hours earlier. He had suffered a brain hemorrhage in August, 1947, from which he did not completely recover.

New P. Herald

His son, Commander Ernest J. King, Jr., was it his bedside.

He had been granted a leave of absence to fly from Washington to be with his father.

Normally, the admiral lived at Bethesda, Md., Navy medical center but spent his summers at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital to escape the Washington area summer heat.

Admiral King was the only man to serve simultaneously as commander-in-chief of the U. S Fleet and as Chief of Naval Operations.

The admiral's son said his father had not suffered a heart attack, but heart failure brought on by high blood pressure. He had been in poor health for sometime.

City payroll clerk dies

Afro-American

CAMDEN, N.J. — The death of Adolphus Bayton, 61, payroll clerk in the city Department of Revenue and Finance, occurred Thursday, April 12, following a long illness

Mr. Bayton, native of Ozeana, Va., came to Camden from Atlantic City 12 years ago. He had lived at the seashore resort 25 years.

For several months he was employed with the National Youth Administration here, and was in his eleventh year in the City Hall post when death occurred at his residence, 626 Kaighns Ave.

Baltimore, Md.

A FAMILIAR figure in the municipal building, distinguished by his silvery hair, and soft-spoken voice, Mr. Bayton was graduated from Virginia Union University, in Richmond, Va., with an A.B. degree.

He was also graduated from the Law School of Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pa., and was member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Other affiliations were with the Baptist denomination, his membership retained in his native town; the Pride of Camden Elks' Lodge No. 83, and the Southern District Council, 21, of New Jersey Elks.

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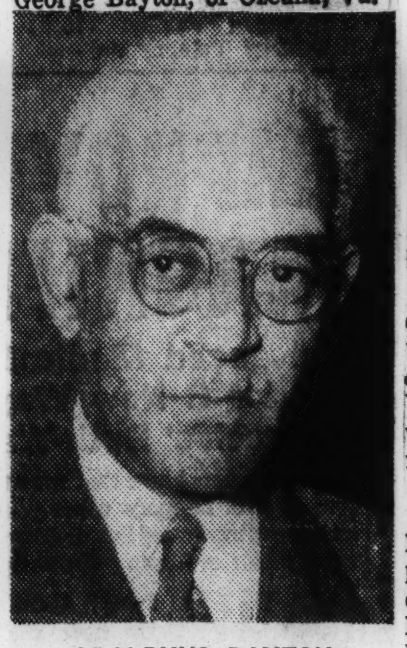
DURING HIS college days he was a star athlete and captain of the baseball team at Virginia Union. The importance of his city position prompted an AFRO feature story on his activities, and general demeanor that reflected credit not only on himself, but all public employees.

Services were held Tuesday in the Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church, 9th St. and Kaighn Ave., conducted by the Rev H. Hayes Watts, pastor.

Many mourners including high city officials, and co-workers, as well as folk from humble walks of life, passed the bier from 4 p.m. until the 9 p.m. funeral hour.

MAYOR George E. Brunner, who appointed Bayton to the responsible payroll job, expressed "deep regret over death of a very competent, and trustworthy city aide."

Full military rites were performed at the National Cemetery in Beverly, Wednesday morning, where the remains were interred by the B. Crawford Gregory funeral service. Mr. Bayton served as a sergeant in World War I. He is survived by one brother, George Bayton, of Ozeana, Va.



ADOLPHUS BAYTON

W. Hibberd Smith, noted educator, dies suddenly

Afro-American Sat. 7-7-56

Baltimore, Md.

By CHARLOTTE R. BIRCH

ATLANTIC CITY — Impressive funeral services for W. Hibberd Smith, a veteran educator and civic leader, were held Monday, June 25, at St. James AME Church.

The Rev. Roscoe C. Henderson, pastor, officiated assisted by other clergymen.

Representatives of the Board of Education, principals and teachers from Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, YMCA and Boy Scouts leaders were among the hundreds of mourners.

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MR. SMITH, principal of the Indiana Avenue School for the past 34 years, died Wednesday, June 20, in Atlantic City Hospital after being stricken at his home, 508 N. Ohio. Ave.

He had worked in his office at the school until 4 p.m. that day.

He was born on a farm near Malvern, Pa., the son of the late Mifflin J. and Laura G. Smith.

He attended public schools in Malvern and in Frazier, Pa.

Mr. Smith graduated from West Chester (Pa.) Teachers College at 18.

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HE BECAME principal of the Indiana Avenue School in September, 1922, serving continuously until his death.

Before coming here, he served as principal in Slaughters Neck and Smyrna, Del., and was assistant principal at the Watts School in Chester, Pa.

He was president of the Absecon Island Principals' Association and president of the Atlantic City Education Association.

Mr. Smith was also active in the New Jersey Education Association, National Education Association, New Jersey Elementary Principals' Association, New Jersey Organization of Teachers and the Atlantic City Study Center.

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HE WAS also a member on the Board of Management of the Arctic Avenue YMCA for more than a quarter century, and was recently elected chairman.

He participated also in the work of the Boy Scouts, Community Chest, Red Cross and other community programs.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Louisa Coursey Smith; three children, Dr. Eleanor Bozeman, a graduate of Meharry Medical College, now practicing with her husband, Dr. Wilford Bozeman in Akron, Ohio.

ALSO THE Rev. Charles M. Smith, pastor of Alleyne AME Zion Church, Philadelphia; and Miss Sarah Smith of this city.

Also a brother, the Rev. C. Milbourne Smith, principal of Darby Township, Pa., and director of audio visual education in the First Episcopal District of the AME Church, and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park, May Landing, N.J.

THE FUNERAL service was marked with a dignity, simplicity and solemnity that are characteristic of the Moore family that began its roots in Magnolia, N.J., more than 100 years ago.

The Rev. Dr. Mitchell struck a responsive chord among the interracial mourners—many of them judges, members of the bar, religious and civic leaders—when he declared:

"Cliff was often misunderstood, yet he was always anxious to dry the tears of those who cried for opportunities denied to them in this democracy.

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"HE WAS willing to forget his progenitors, his cultural background, the temptation to lose himself in the crazy-quitted ego of good pasttimes to use the towel of service to help his fellowmen."

The host pastor, the Rev. Dr. S. Howard Woodson, president of the Greater Trenton Ministers, Council, extended the sympathy of all ministers in the community to Mr. Moore's family and relatives.

He cited this touching tribute paid to the deceased by a friend he encountered downtown who put his hands on th minister's shoulder and said:

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"WE MAY not have always agreed, but one thing is true, Trenton and New Jersey can ill afford to lose a man of the calibre of Clifford R. Moore."

The Rev. Mr. Woodson added that, if the deceased could speak, he would say:

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course."

The family obituary was read by Lt Col. Armour McDaniels from McGuire Air Force Base.

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A MILITARY honor guard from the Military Police Detachment at Fort Dix, N.J., attended under the command of 2nd Lt. Jerome Zeitler.

Members of the Bar Association were active pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Frontiers Club in Trenton, James Smith, president.

CLIFFORD R. MOORE

Brilliant young lawyer accidentally shot to death in home.

Mr. Moore was founder and past president of the club.

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A LARGE delegation of officers of the N.J. State Conference of Branches heard by Samuel A. Williams of East Orange, president, were among the mourners.

Also were two of the surviving lawyers whose brilliant defense of the Trenton-Six murder case defendants saved them from the electric chair.

They were Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia, who is also a councilman there; and J. Mercer Burrell of Newark, whom Mr. Moore succeeded as legal adviser for the State NAACP Conference.

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DR. U. S. WIGGINS of Camden, former president of the Conference, was unable to attend because of his convalescing from a recent illness.

Among the ministers who participated in the funeral service were:

The Revs. Booker T. Cart-Wright, pastor, Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, Trenton; J. Johnson, pastor of the AME n Plainfield: the Rev.

'Take Up The Baton'

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 7-28-56

By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

TRENTON N.J. — "Take the baton of freedom which fell from Cliff's fingers and run with it, until the echo of freedom and equality of opportunity for which he fought for us is heard in the distance."

This was the message emphasized in his eulogy for U.S. Commissioner Clifford R. Moore at Shiloh Baptist Church on Satuday morning by the Rev. Frank Mitchell of Philadelphia, an old friend of the family.

Moore, the brilliant 42-year-old NAACP legal adviser, civic crusader and friend of the underdog, died accidentally while cleaning one of the guns in his fine collection at his home, 237 Spring St., on July 16.

Fr. Nelson, former rector of St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Trenton.

Also the Rev. Mr. Bagley of Galilee Baptist Church, Trenton, and the Rev. Dr Watson of Florence, N.J.

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RICHARD CORBIN, organist at Shiloh Baptist, played chants. There was neither a soloist nor a choir.

Numerous telegrams and messages of sympathy from all sections of the country were acknowledged but not read by the Rev. Mr. Woodson, who said that all would be acknowledged by the family personally.

Two resolutions mentioned were from the Frontiers Club, the Pride of Trenton Elks Lodge 1118, and the N.J. State Branches.

The family had requested friends not to send flowers, but to contribute the money for them either to the NAACP Freedom Fund or to the Frontiers' Scholarship Fund.

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NEVERTHELESS, it required two floral cars to hold the beautiful designs that engulfed the Moore home.

A cortege of some 50 automobiles transported the mourners to the U.S. National Cemetery in Beverly, N.J., to witness the interment.

Arthur A. Waples of Waples Funeral Homes in Burlington and Camden handled arrangements.

Joseph B. Judkins Jr., of Dade Funeral Home, Trenton, assisted.

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NEW YORK

Mrs Delany, Widow Of Bishop, Succumbs

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — The widow of the Rt. Rev. Henry Beard Delany, suffragan bishop in the Protestant Episcopal diocese of North Carolina, Mrs. Nanny J. Delnay, died last Saturday at her home. A retired St. Augustine's college, Raleigh, N. C., teacher, she was 95.

She served on the St. Augustine's faculty, from which she was graduated, for 50 years. Upon retirement in 1931, she moved to New York. Surviving are four daughters, Misses Sarah L. and A. Elizabeth Delany, Mrs. Julia E. Bourne and Mrs. Laura E. Murrell; four sons, Henry B. Jr., Lucius L., Subert T., and Samuel R.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ALBEN W. BARKLEY

"I would rather be a servant in the House of the Lord than sit in the seat of the mighty" was the sentence Alben Barkley had just completed when death claimed him in the middle of an address he was delivering at Washington and Lee University. In his lifetime Alben Barkley had indeed sat in the seat of the mighty, but this United States Senator and former Vice President never lost the humility and common touch of a servant in the House of the Lord as he served the American people in their legislative halls.

History will remember Alben Barkley for his sponsorship of, and leadership in putting through, much of the important and beneficial social legislation of the Thirties. It will remember him for his leadership in such grave matters as Lend Lease and ratification of the United Nations Charter. It will remember him for the high offices he has held, for the good work he has done in those high offices and for the powerful influence he bore in getting opposing factions to compromise their differences in times of emergency.

But now we think of him for his warm, human, colorful qualities, for the respect and affection he evoked in others, not least of whom were the voters of Kentucky who elected him time and again to office. A vital man, he had much still to give to his country, even at the age of 78. He will be sorely missed and long remembered.

H.E. SIMMELKJAER, NEGRO LEADER, 66

Member of Harlem Political Council Dies—Authority on Contract Bridge

Harold Eustace Simmelkjaer, who was active in seeking equitable treatment for Negroes and was well known in politics and contract birdge circles, died Friday of a heart attack while visiting friends at 118 West 112th Street. He was 66 years old. His home was at 33 North Perkins Avenue, Elmsford, N. Y.

Mr. Simmelkjaer, who at his death was a deputy clerk of the State Supreme Court, was the opponent of Representative Adam Clayton Powell in the Democratic primary of 1946. He also had been a member of the Independent Political Council of Harlem and of Ferdinand Q. Morton's United Colored Democracy.

Mr. Simmelkjaer, a native of the Virgin Islands, attended schools in New York City and studied at Cooper Union.

In 1921, he wrote a book on "The Scientific Side of the Negro Problem." During the same period, he appeared with the Provincetown Players in the title role of the "Dreamy Kid" by Eugene O'Neill. He appeared also in "Taboo," by Mary Hoyt Wiborg.

A member of the American Contract Bridge Association, he was the author of a "Handbook on Theory and Play of Championship Contract Birdge."

Mr. Simmelkjaer had been an Army lieutenant in World War I. He belonged to the American Legion, St. George Association, Grand Street Boys and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Audrey Simmelkjaer; a son, Carl, and three daughters, Mrs. Luther Turner, Mrs. Henry Tompkins and Miss Carlyn Simmelkjaer.

Mrs. Watkins, who lived in Atlanta many years of her life, died in New York early Sunday. She resided with her daughter, Mrs Adrienne Edwards, of 1035 East 217th Street.

The Rev. Dr. Herburt King, native of Atlanta and Minister of Grace Congregational Church wi.. officiate. Interment will be held in New York. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to 1035 East 217th St., New York.

While in school at Atlanta, Mrs. Watkins lived with her sister, Mrs. Adrienne Herndon, a teacher of Elocution and Dramatics at the Old Atlanta University.

Mrs. Watkins was a favorite among the students and instructors alike. She was also a devoted member of the First Congregational Church of Atlanta a.. was active in the church auxili.. s and participated in the affairs of the Social Club of the Church.

Mrs. Watkins returned to Atlanta from time to time after establishing her home in New York City to visit with her Atlanta schoolmates and friends who were always delighted to have her visit them.

She demonstrated her continued interest in the First Congregational Church of Atlanta and seemed to [illegible] making a financial contribution in support of the Church program, whenever she returned to Atlanta.

Her schoolmates and host of friends in Atlanta and New York City will mourn her passing and sympathize with Mr. N. B. Herndon and the family in their hour of bereavement.

Mrs. Watkins is survived by a daughter and a son, and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral service for Mrs. Watkins will be held at the Grace Congregational Church of New York City Wednesday night, Sept. 19, 1956 at 8 p. m. where she had been a very active member in the auxiliaries and club affairs of that church.

Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to 1035 East 217th St., New York (Bronx) New York.

Mrs. Watkins, Aunt Of Atlanta Life Head, Dies

NEW YORK — Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie McNeil Watkins, aunt of N. B. Herndon, President-Treasurer of Atlanta Life Insurance Company, will be held Thursday in New York.

Dr. Van Kirk Dies; Clerical Leader

Protestant Expert On Foreign Affairs Worked With Dulles To Help Form Commission

WELLESLEY ISLAND, N. Y., July 7—The Rev. Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, a leading Protestant expert on international affairs for more than thirty years, died here last night of a heart attack. He was 64 years old. His home was at 421 East Sidney Avenue Mount Vernon.

Dr. Van Kirk, executive director of the department of international affairs of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., was here to deliver a sermon.

He had been scheduled to fly to Germany on Monday to attend the tenth anniversary meeting of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. This is an organization that he and John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, helped to form to bring closer cooperation among world religious groups.

Born in Cleveland, Dr. Van Kirk studied at Ohio, Wesleyan and Boston Universities. He was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1919 and held three pastorates in Massachusetts until he was appointed to the Federal Council of Churches in 1925. He served as executive secretary of that organization's department of international justice and goodwill until 1950, when the Federal Council was one of the twelve organizations that formed the National Council. He then took the post he held at his death.

During his career, Dr. Van Kirk participated in a number of national and international conferences both of laymen and churchmen striving for world peace. In 1945 he was an adviser to the United States Delegation to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco.

Last March, Dr. Van Kirk was a member of the nine-man Protestant mission that toured the Soviet Union, and he was instrumental in arranging for the clerics to the United States.

Opposed Arms Threats

Dr. Van Kirk was an outspoken critic of the use of arms threats as instruments of foreign affairs. Early in the Nineteen Thirties, he was one of a group that asked the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt not to permit naval maneuvers in the Pacific for fear of alienating the Japanese.

Later he was one of many opposed to increased appropriations for the Navy. Dr. Van Kirk was never an isolationist, however, and as early as 1934 urged that the United States use economic, social and moral means to ease international problems rather than resort to armed might.

He became known to many radio listeners when he conducted the National Broadcasting Company program "Religion in the News" between 1938 and 1949. Dr. Van Kirk also served as a radio commentator at many religious conferences in Europe, South America and Japan.

His opposition to the use of arms continued after World War II when he was a strong critic of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and of the association of Point Four aid to military aid. He insisted that international problems were better settled through the United Nations.

Surviving are his widow, Gladdys, who was with him at his death; his mother, Mrs. Oliver Gotshall of Canton, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. David Tassel of Mount Vernon, four brothers and three grandchildren.

NAACP Officials Mourn Death Of Jewish Friend

New York, July 28—The death of Dr. David W. Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, removes from the public arena one who "devoted his energies and great talents to the noble cause of creating a society in which men of different faiths races and national origins could dwell in peace, harmony and mutual respect," Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, said, in a telegram of condolence to the Jewish leader's widow.

After a long illness, Dr. Petegorsky died at his home in New York City on July 15. He had served as executive director of the AJC since 1945. The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins said, will "miss the cordial cooperation and support he gave to our common cause."

David Petegorsky Dies, 41; Jewish Congress Director

Dr. David Petegorsky, forty-one, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, died Sunday at his home, 139 E. 94th St.

For more than ten years Dr. Petegorsky guided the American Jewish Congress in the fields of civil rights, civil liberties, intergroup relations and the defense of the rights of Jewish people throughout the world.

A native of Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Petegorsky received a bachelor of arts degree from Yeshiva University in 1935 and the next year was ordained a rabbi. He took post-graduate studies in political science, economics and sociology at the London School of Economics, where he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1940.

Taught at Antioch

Later he returned to this country and joined the faculty of Antioch College in Ohio as an instructor in the department of government.

In 1942 he entered the Canadian government service and became director of the industrial division of Canada's Wartime Information Board.

Three years later, Dr. Petegorsky was invited by the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise to become executive director of the American Jewish Congress. In that post he advocated direct legal and legislative measures to be taken against every manifestation of discrimination against minorities.

On World Congress Board

Dr. Petegorsky was a member of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, an association of Jewish communities and organizations in sixty-five nations.

He was the author of "Left Wing Democracy in the English Civil War," published in 1940, and "Strategy for Democracy," which appeared in 1942.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carol Coan Petegorsky; two sons, Stephen and Dan Petegorsky; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, and three sisters, Mrs. Nathan Telcovitz, Mrs. Abraham Geffen and Mrs. Marvin Chotikoff.

Dr. David Petegorsky

Noted Surgeon Gives $100,000 To Hospital

NEW YORK — "Any resident in surgery who does work at Harlem Hospital receives a training, I should say, perhaps comparable to no other institution in the City of New York."

Dr. Godfrey Nurse, noted New York surgeon, made that statement as one reason why he recently donated $100,000 for a surgical research laboratory at the institution.

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HE EXPLAINED that Dr. Aubre De L. Maynard, surgery director, and his associates, hope to make Harlem Hospital, 'known for its wealth of clinical material," one of the city's outstanding medical institutions. Dr. Nurse wants to help fulfill their far-sighted program.

Dr. Maynard said that the new unit will be named the Godfrey Nurse Laboratory for Experimental Surgery. Four-year training residents at the hospital will now have an opportunity for research.

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"WE HAVE now reached the state where we can say that the Negro contribution to medicine not only will be recognized but may also be of the highest order. These are our dreams—mine at least," Dr. Nurse exclaimed.

Dr. Nurse worked his way through school in British Guinea and Long Island Medical College, N. Y. In 1914, he began establishing himself in New York City. Negroes couldn't interne in white hospitals in those days. But the late Walter G. Crump, prominent surgeon at Community Hospital, guided him in his medical career.

THE TALL, close-cropped gray-haired doctor also credits Dr. Crump for supporting him in his project to gain the admission of Negro physicians to 60-year-old Harlem Hospital, which has been interracial for almost 20 years.

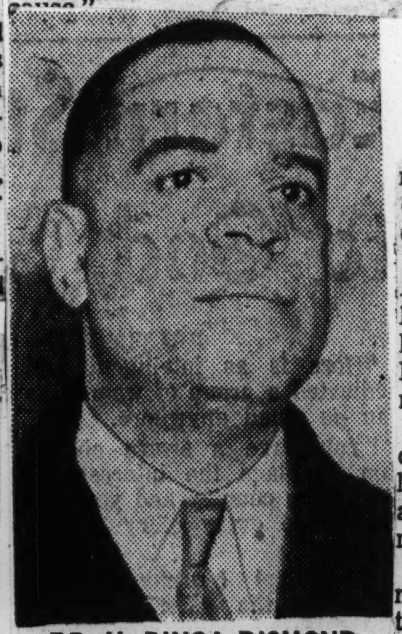
Dr. Nurse, a life-long general surgeon, is also interested in cultural matters.

DR. GODFREY NURSE
Donates $100,000

NAACP Mourns Death Of Jewish Leader

New York — The death of Dr. David W. Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, removes from the public arena one who "devoted his energies and great talents to the noble cause of creating a society in which men of different faiths, races and national origins could dwell in peace, harmony and mutual respect," Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary said, in a telegram of condolence to the Jewish leader's widow.

After a long illness, Dr. Petegorsky died at his home in New York City on July 15. He had served as executive director of the AJC since 1945. The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins said will "miss the cordial cooperation and support he gave to our common



DR. H. BINGA DISMOND
Dies in New York

H. B. Dismond dies of cancer

NEW YORK (ANP) — Funeral services were held in St. Philip Episcopal Church here last Sunday for Dr. H. Binga Dismond, 64, who died of cancer at Harlem Hospital where he was director of the hospital's department of physical therapy.

Born in Richmond, Va., Dec. 27, 1891, Dr. Dismond attended Virginia Union and Howard Universities, the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he received his M.D. degree in 1921.

At the University of Chicago, he won a varsity letter in track and for three years was Western Intercollegiate Conference quarter-mile champion, sprinting the distance in 1916 in 47.4 seconds.

He served in World War I, saw action in France, and was decorated by the Republic of Haiti for services rendered in 1937.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Cora Campbell of Los Angeles, whom he married in 1942.

Death Claims Veteran Actor

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Floyd Buckley, 82, colorful veteran showman and the oldest actor currently on Broadway, died today in Flushing Hospital.

Buckley was stricken with a heart attack Monday night following the performance of "No Time for Sergeants," comedy hit in which he appeared more than 450 times.

When radio broadcasting came along, Buckley entered that medium as an actor and created the radio voice of "Popeye the Sailor." He also appeared frequently on television shows.

After serving in the Spanish-American War as one of Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders, Buckley entered show business with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. He made his Broadway debut in 1903.

Later he was a pioneer producer, director and stuntman in early silent movies, and performed in a number of the Pearl White serials.

During World War II the white-mustached veteran served with the Office of War Information. This week he had completed a role in a documentary film for the State Department.

Military Rites Given Daniel Farrar, War Hero

BY ALICE A. DUNNIGAN
FOR ANP

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The funeral services of Daniel James Farrar, Jr., held here Wednesday night, were graced with Military Honors for his service in World War I. Burial took place the following morning at the National Cemetery at Farmingdale, Long Island.

The 60-year-old resident of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., four days earlier. He had worked at the Gracie Post Office in New York City for 30 years. Before coming to New York, he worked as a contractor and builder in Richmond, Va., following the trade of his late father, Daniel J. Farrar, Sr., and grandfather Joseph E. Farrar both of Richmond.

He had been a member of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church of New York City for a number of years. His pastor, the Rev. O. Clay Maxwell, Sr., who had been personally acquainted with the deceased for more than 20 years, spoke of him as a "continuous contributing and faithful member, as well as a devoted husband, father and brother."

Whenever Farrar undertook a task, he always expected to succeed "With God's help." This favorite expression was an indication of his faith in God. He always attributed any success he enjoyed to his fellowship with the church and his devotion to his fellowman.

Daniel J. Farrar, Jr., was a native of Richmond, Va. He received his education in the public schools of that city and at Virginia Union University. He professed a belief in Christ at the age of nine, and was baptized at Ebenezer Church.

Beckwith Rites Held in New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Funeral services for John Beckwith, great baseball player of the early 1920's, were held here Sunday. Beckwith died last Thursday night at the Harlem Hospital.

Born in Louisville, Ky., Jan. 31, 1900, John was taken to Chicago by his parents in 1903. He started his baseball career with the Olivet Baptist church team in the Sunday School league in 1914, and in 1918 began playing with Joe Green's Chicago Giants.

Joined The Giants

In 1921 Dave Marlarcher and Bobby Williams, two of the top players with Rube Foster's American Giants, were unable to make the spring training trip south, so Foster signed Beckwith, a catcher and infielder, and Harry Jeffery, an infielder. Both made good and played with the Giants that season.

The following year Beckwith signed with the late Cum Posey's Homestead Grays. He later played with the Baltimore Black Sox, and ended his career with the New York Black Yankees in 1942.

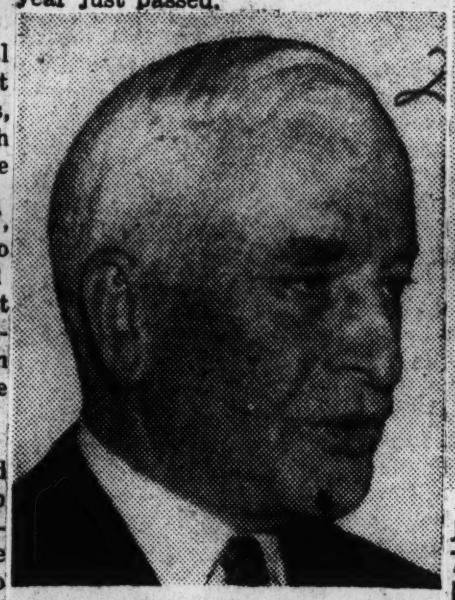
Beckwith played with such great stars as Elwood "Bingo" DeMoss, Pete Hill, Christobel Torrientti, Oscar Charleston, Frank Duncan, Hurley McNair, John Gibson, and Frank Warfield.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Beckwith whom he married more than 25 years ago and a brother in Chicago, Stanley.

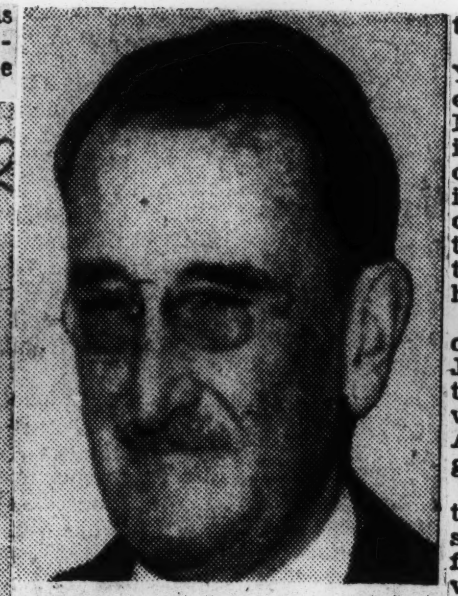
OBITUARY 1955

Last year, like all years, took its share of the world's great, near-great and anonymous. Some, like President Jose Remon of Panama (who died January 2) fell victim to murderers. Others, like the famed cartoonist, Ham Fisher (December 27) took their own lives in despondency over failing health. Still others, like Ambassador John Puerifoy (August 12) and more than 600 ordinary Americans who perished over the Christmas week end, were casualties of the age of speed. A few, like 87-year-old Bernarr Macfadden (October 12), lived out their Biblical span and more.

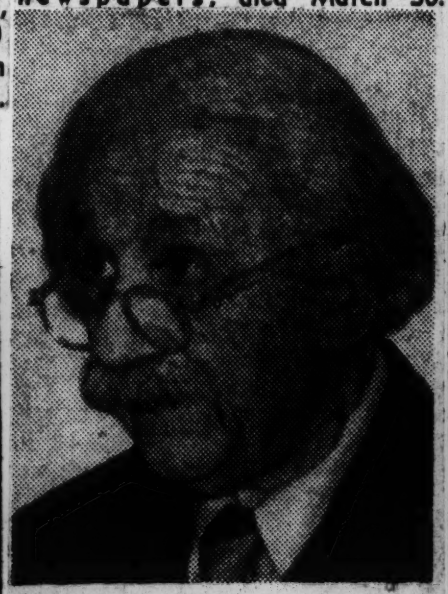
To the right are the photographs of four others, leaders in their respective fields, who also died in the year just passed.



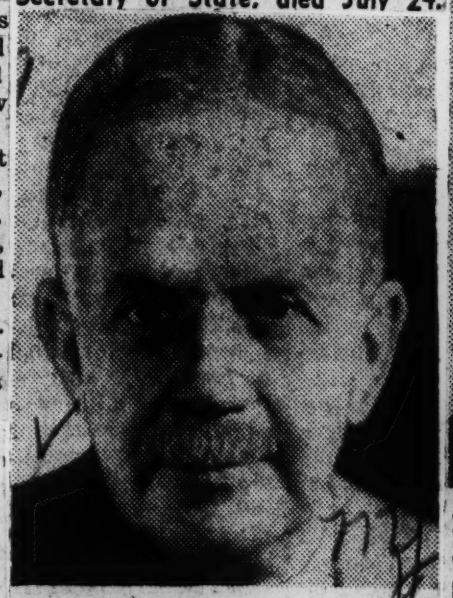
STATECRAFT—Cordell Hull, 83, whose 11-year service (1933-1944) was the longest of any American Secretary of State, died July 24.



JOURNALISM—Joseph Pulitzer, 70, publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, one of the world's great newspapers, died March 30.



SCIENCE — Albert Einstein, 76, discoverer of the great physical principle which made the atomic age a reality, died April 18.



CIVIL RIGHTS—Walter White, 61, long-time head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died March 21.

Edmund Waterman, Philanthropist, Dies; Long a Leader in Anti-Defamation League

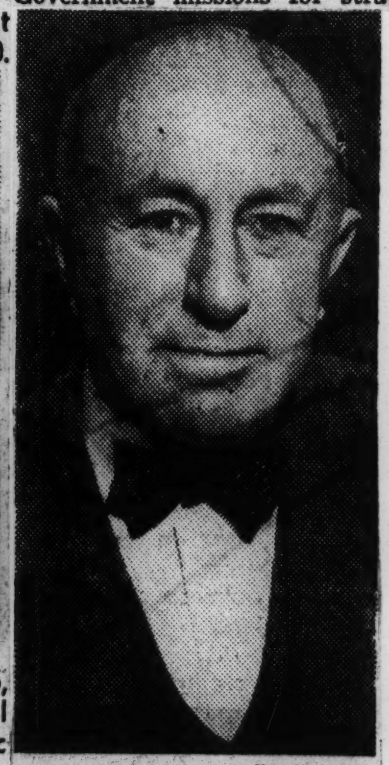
Edmund Waterman, a retired produce merchant and New York philanthropist, died Wednesday in the Desert Hospital, Palm Springs, Calif., after a brief illness. His age was 73.

He was a founder of the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and for several years headed fund-raising campaigns in the city for both organizations.

He helped found the New York section of the league in the early Nineteen Thirties when Nazi anti-Semitism was making itself felt. He served in various capacities in the league, including the office of national vice chairman. He was a member of the national executive committee of the league at the time of his death.

Mr. Waterman was a director of the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind and a major contributor to its program. He also was active in the Institute for Applied Biology, which is engaged in cancer research.

During World War I, Mr. Waterman served on the Food Conservation Board, then headed by former President Herbert Hoover. During World War II he served with the Board of Economic Warfare and undertook Government missions for strategic materials in Argentina, where he had extensive business connections.



Zwerling, 1951

• Edmund Waterman

A former trustee of the Central Synagogue of New York, he was a member of the Harmonie Club and president of the Metropolis Country Club.

He leaves his second wife, Nadia; two sons, Charles I. and Neil S., and two grandchildren and a brother, Max. His first wife died in 1953.

FRANK H. WILSON, ACTOR, 70, IS DEAD

Creator of the Title Role in 'Porgy' in 1927 Was Moses in 'The Green Pastures'

Frank H. Wilson, the actor who created here in 1927 the title role in the play "Porgy," died yesterday in Queens General Hospital, Jamaica, after a short illness. His age was 70. He lived at 32-24 104th Street, Corona, Queens.

Mr. Wilson, a deacon in the Corona Congregational Christian Church, 33-19 102d Street, suffered a paralytic stroke there on Feb. 5 after serving communion.

Born in Manhattan, Mr. Wilson, as a young man, organized a singing quartet that played vaudeville houses here and on the road. He then became a postman in Manhattan and held the job for nearly ten years.

In 1914 he began writing, presenting and acting in one-act plays in Harlem. These shows, which were seen at the Lincoln and Lafayette Theatres, included "Race Pride," "Confidence," "Colored Americans," "The Good Sister Joan" and "Back Home Again."

One of his plays, "Sugar Cain," won a 1926 prize of Opportunity magazine and is included in "The Anthology of Negro Plays and Playlets."

Mr. Wilson studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts before, in 1924, he played Jim Harris in "All God's Chillun Got Wings" at the Provincetown Playhouse. The next year he was Lem in "The Emperor Jones" at the Fifty-second Theatre and, for a time he played the title role in "The Emperor Jones" here.

Stepped Into Star's Role

In 1926, Mr. Wilson opened in "In Abraham's Bosom" at the Provincetown. The star, Jules Bledsoe, left the cast in 1927 when the play was at the Garrick Theatre and Mr. Wilson stepped into the role of Abraham McCranie.

So well did Mr. Wilson act in the play that he was chosen for the role of Porgy in the play adapted by Dorothy and Du Bose Heyward from the lat-

ter's novel of the same name. Superlative acclaim greeted Mr. Wilson's portrayal of the crippled beggar in a Southern slum. The play ran 367 performances in New York.

In London, Mr. Wilson played the title role again and, well received, starred in a command performance before King George V. Altogether, including a return engagement here in 1929, he played Porgy 850 times.

Mr. Wilson starred in the role of Marius Harvey in the Broadway play "Sweet Chariot" in 1930 and took the leading part of Jim Williams in "Singin' the Blues" here in 1931. He was seen as a maniac in "Bloodstream" here in 1932.

The next year, Mr. Wilson appeared in "We The People" and "They Shall Not Die" and in 1934 in "Roll, Sweet Chariot."

When, in 1935, Mr. Wilson portrayed Moses in a Broadway revvial of "The Green Pastures," Brooks Atkinson wrote in The New York Times: "Frank Wilson gives the inspiring performance everyone who knows him expected."

Mr. Wilson was in "Journeyman" on Broadway in 1938, "Kiss the Boys Goodbye" there the same year and "Watch on the Rhine" at the Henry Milller in 1941. He played in the Broadway play "South Pacific" in 1943, toured in "Memphis Bound" in 1945 and was in "Set My People Free" in 1948, "The Big Knife" in 1949 and "How Long Till Summer," in 1949.

Final Play in 1953

His final Broadway role was that of Frank in "Take a Giant Step" in 1953.

Mr. Wilson staged his play "Walk Together Chillun" as a Federal Theatre Project of the Works Progress Administration at Harlem's Lafayette in 1936. Others of his twenty produced plays included "Meek Mose," seen in Harlem in 1928, with Mayor James J. Walker speaking at the opening performance.

In 1936 Mr. Wilson was again Moses in the film version of "The Green Pastures," one of a number of motion pictures he made.

He also appeared in many radio and television plays. His most recent television role was in an "Ethel and Albert" show a few weeks ago.

Mr. Wilson had been counselor on the governing board of Actors Equity Asosciation and was a member of the American Federation of Radio and Television Artsists and the Screen Actors Guild.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Effie King Wilson, a former actress; a son, Emmett Barrymore Wilson of Corona; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Marguerite Williams of South Ozone Park, Queens, and a stepson, Monte T. Ray of California.

Frank Wilson as Moses in "Green Pastures" in 1936.

Frank H. Wilson Is Dead, Created 'Porgy' Title Role

Herald Tribune, P. 10
Sat. 2-18-56

Frank H. Wilson, seventy, who created the title role in the play "Porgy" in 1927 while still working as a New York City letter carrier, died Thursday in Queens General Hospital, Jamaica. He lived at 32-24 104th St., Corona, Queens.

Mr. Wilson also played the role of Moses in Marc Connelly's "The Green Pastures" in the original presentation in 1931, in two subsequent revivals and in the motion-picture version.

New York, N. Y.

Appeared in Vaudeville

Born in New York on the site of what is now the Roxy Theater, Mr. Wilson organized a quartet that played vaudeville houses here and on the road, and then he began writing, presenting and acting in one-act plays in Harlem. One of these plays, "Sugar Cain," won a magazine prize and is included in "The Anthology of Negro Plays and Playlets."

Mr. Wilson began his Broadway career as Lem in "The Emperor Jones" in 1925, and the next year appeared in the role of Abraham McCranie in "In Abraham's Bosom."

That performance led to his choice for the role of Porgy in the play adapted by Dorothy and Du Bose Heyward from the latter's novel of the same name, which also was the basis of the later musical version, "Porgy and Bess."

Other plays in which Mr. Wilson appeared included "Sweet Chariot," "Singing the Blues," "Bloodstream," "We the People," "They Shall Not Die," "Roll, Sweet Chariot," "Journeyman," "Kiss the Boys Goodbye," "Watch on the Rhine," "South Pacific" and "Take a Giant Step," his last Broadway appearance.

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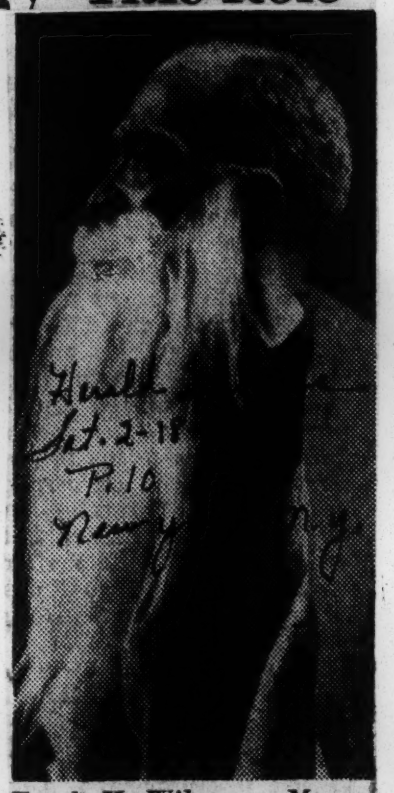

Herald Sat. 2-18 P. 10 New York

Frank H. Wilson as Moses in "The Green Pastures."

Newsman Dies

William (Bill) Chase, former Amsterdam News writer-cartoonist and managing editor of the San Francisco Independent, died in his San Francisco office of a heart attack. Funeral services were held in San Francisco and in New York, which he called home.

Frank Wilson, Star of First 'Porgy,' Dies

World-Telegram + Sun P. 23
Fri. 2-17-56

'Green Pastures' Moses Made Debut In 'Emperor Jones'

New York

Frank H. Wilson, 70, veteran actor who played the title role in the original production of "Porgy" and played Moses in "Green Pastures" on Broadway and in the movies, died yesterday in Queens General Hospital after a brief illness. He had suffered a paralytic stroke Feb. 5.

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Mr. Wilson lived at 32-24 104th St., Corona. He started his theatrical career in a singing quartet in vaudeville. He made his Broadway debut in "The Emperor Jones" in 1925 and later played the title role. He opened in "Porgy" in 1927, and played the crippled beggar 850 times in New York and London, where he played a command performance before King George V.

Mr. Wilson was starred in "Sweet Chariot" and "Singin' the Blues." He played in "Green Pastures" in 1935 and was in the film version the next year. He also played on Broadway in "Bloodstream," "We the People," "They Shall Not Die," "Roll, Sweet Chariot," "Journeyman," "Kiss the Boys Goodby," "Watch on the Rhine," "Memphis Bound," "Set My People Free," "The Big Knife," "How Long Till Summer," and "Take a Giant Step," his last play in 1953.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Effie King Wilson, former actress; a son, Emmett Barrymore Wilson; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Marguerite Williams; and a stepson, Monte T. Ray.

VALAIDA SNOW, internationally known actress and a reigning star in the late 20's was buried Saturday following her death in Kings County hospital, Brooklyn, last Tuesday. Miss Snow had been confined since an attack last May 2. She died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Minister Found Dead Near Old Sawmill Site

Daily World
Wed. 3-7-56
Atlanta Ga.

MORGANTOWN, N. C.—(ANP)—A 70-year-old minister, object of a six-day search, was found dead about two miles off Highway 18 near an old sawmill site.

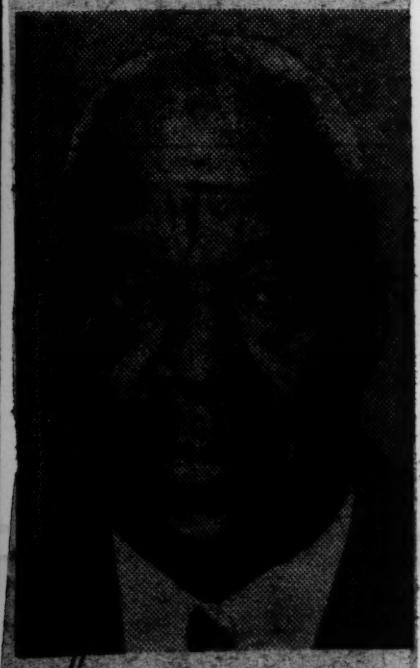
Officers said there was no evidence of foul play in the death of the Rev. H. A. Washington.

Rev. Washington had been involved in an automobile accident earlier, and it was theorized that, in a dazed condition, he wandered off the highway.

Witness reported having seen him after the accident and said he told them he was "looking for my wife." His wife had been taken to a hospital after the accident.

A. J. Clement N.C. Mutual Director Dies

Courier P. 2
Fatteburg Va.



ARTHUR J. CLEMENT

Sat. 5-12-56

BALTIMORE — Arthur John Clement, a director of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma C. Gilkes. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Clement was born in Cleveland, N. C., and was a graduate of Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith. In 1908 he married Miss Sadie K. Jones of Charleston, S. C. He was a Mason and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Following his graduation, he went to Wilmington, N. C., to work for the People's Benevolent Relief Association. He became connected with North Carolina Mutual Nov. 6, 1906, and associated with the late John M. Avery as a traveling representative.

Sadie K. Jones of Charleston, S. C.

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He became connected with North Carolina Mutual on Nov. 6, 1906, and associated with the late Johin M. Avery as a traveling representative. He was elected to the board of directors in 1922.

He is survived by two sons, Arthur John Jr., Newark, N. J., and William A., Durham; one daughter, Mrs. Emma C. Gilkes.

Funeral services were conducted in Charleston, S. C.

A. J. Clement, 78, insuranceman, dies

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 5-12-56

BALTIMORE

Arthur John Clement Sr., director of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, died here April 30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma C. Gilkes. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Clement, born in Cleveland, N.C., was a graduate (AB) of Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith. In 1908 he married Miss Sadie K. Jones of Charleston, S.C. He was a Mason and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Following his graduation, he went to Wilmington, N.C., to work for the People's Benevolent Relief Association. He became connected with North Carolina Mutual Nov. 6, 1906, and associated with the late John M. Avery as a traveling representative.

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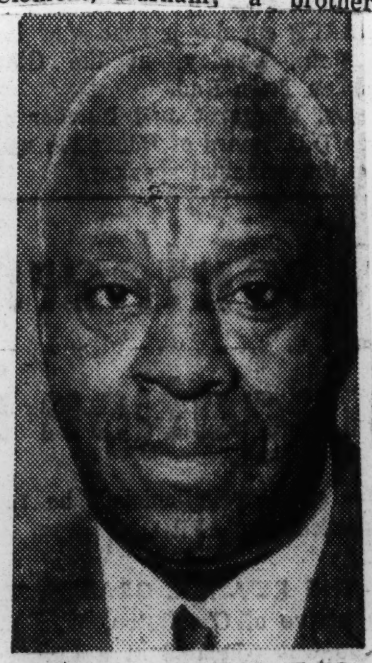
WHILE VISITING Charleston, he became interested in the possibilities of that city and when he was offered an opportunity to head up the work there, he accepted and was named manager of the Charleston district.

He was elected to the board of directors in 1922 and served in this dual capaicty until his retirement as manager of the district in 1949. Mr. Clement's two sons are also prominently connected with the company.

The surviving children are Arthur J. Jr., Newark, N.J.; William A. CLU, Durham; and the daughter, Mrs. Gilkes.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Cowan, Cleveland, N.C.; Mrs. Carrie Cowan, Huntington, W.Va.; and Miss Helen Clement, Durham; a brother,



ARTHUR J. CLEMENT SR.

William R. Clement, Corona, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in Charleston, S.C. May 3.

George W. Cox, Top Insurance Official Dies

Daily World
Atlanta Ga.
Sat. 5-12-56

George W. Cox, vice president and agency director of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham, N. C., died Thursday night at his home in Durham, it has been disclosed.

Mr. Cox was among the pioneers of North Carolina Mutual officials, and also one of the exponents among among Negro businessmen in the South. He had lived and worked to see his Company grow into one of the biggest firms of its kind in the country.

Only recently Mr. Cox met and greeted 29 field representatives of the North Carolina Mutual Co., following a sales campaign At the meeting, Mr. Cox presented merit certificates to leading salesmen. The campaign culminated into the fourth George W. Cox sales convention.

Time and place of the funeral services had not been announced at the time of this writing.

Cox, N.C. Mutual agency director dies

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 6-9-56 P. 19

DURHAM, N.C. (ANP) — George W. Cox, 65, a vice president and agency director of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, died here Friday of a heart attack.

Mr. Cox, who in 1954 was named "Dean of Insurance Agency Directors" by the National Negro Insurance Association, an organization which he founded, had suffered with a heart ailment for about five years.

He began his insurance career with the Mississippi Life Insurance Company and was head of its industrial department when, in 1919, he left to join North Carolina Mutual.

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MR. COX then became supervisor of North Carolina Mutual's district comprising Alabama, Arkansas, Florida and Oklahoma. In 1930, he was elected agency director and remained in that post until his death.

Under his direction, the company's assets grew to $49,600,000—the highest of any colored insurance company in the world.

He was also a vice president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank and Mutual Savings and Loan Association, both in Durham.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son, George Cox Jr., a member of North Carolina Mutual's real estate department.

GEORGE W. COX

George Cox, Insurance Officer, Dies

Defender P. 1
Sat. 6-9-56
Chicago, Ill.

DURHAM, N. C. — George Wayne Cox, 65, vice president and agency director of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, largest financial agency owned by Negroes, died Friday of a heart attack.

He had been receiving treatment at the Rice House of Duke university for a heart ailment.

Known as the "Dean of Insurance Men," Cox also was vice president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank; vice president of Mutual Savings and Loan association, and founder and 11th president of the National Insurance association.

Born in Indianola, Miss., Oct. 6, 1890, the executive was educated at Alcorn A and M college in Mississippi. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Among those surviving are his wife, Mrs. George W. Cox, two daughters, Nola Mae of New York City, and Irma of Detroit, and a son, George Cox, jr., of Durham.

Bishop's Widow Dies At 95

Defender P. 3
Sat. 6-16-56
Chicago, Ill.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The widow of Rt. Rev. Henry Beard Delany, Suffragan Bishop, Protestant Episcopal Diocese, North Carolina, Mrs. Nanny J. Delany, died last Saturday in her home here. A retired St. Augustine's college (Raleigh, N. C.) teacher, she was 95.

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She served on St. Augustine's faculty from which she was graduated for 50 years. Upon retirement in 1931, she moved to New York. Surviving are four daughters, Misses L. and A. Delany, Mrs. Julia E. Bourne, and Mrs. Lauro E. Murroll; four sons, Henry B., jr., Lucius L., Hubert T., and Samuel R.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dr. Jackson Is Buried

Journal
Wilmington N.C.
P. 6-9-56

LAURINBURG — Funeral services for the late Dr. N. E. Jackson, prominent physician of this city, were held Sunday, June 3, at 4 o'clock, from Galilee Methodist Church, with the Rev. G. E. Hogue, pastor, officiating.

Dr. Jackson was born in the town of Carthage in Moore County, the son of Isaac and Fanny Jackson.

He was educated at Dayton Academy and Hamilton Seminary in Carthage and at A & T College in Greensboro. He received his medical training at Leonard Medical College in Raleigh, graduating in 1907.

Dr. Jackson enjoyed a thriving practice. He was affiliated with several hospitals and recently was named to the active staff of the Scotland County Hospital and Hamlet Hospital. He was medical director of the Morrison Training School at Hoffman and held membership in the state and national medical associations.

The physician was active in many civic endeavors.

Dr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Cooke Jackson, four children, including Nathaniel

Jr. of Wilmington, and six grand children.

Millie Russell Simmons, Born Slave, Dies at 110

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Millie Russell Simmons, born a slave 110 years ago, died Friday at D. C. General Hospital of double pneumonia. She had been in the hospital for 24 hours. Washington, D.C.

It was the first time she had been in a hospital or had a serious illness since bearing her 10 children, according to her daughter, Mary Terry, with whom she lived at 1145 Morse st. ne.

Mrs. Simmons was born at Gold Leaf, Va., on the Davis plantation near the North Carolina border on April 1, 1848. Her mother's mother was an Indian who lived to be 108.

Her own recipe for living to such an age was to go to bed about 6:30 or 7 p. m. each night and get up about the same hour of the morning, her daughter said. Mrs. Simmons ate heartily and loved pork and cornbread.

Mrs. Simmons enjoyed watching cowboy shows on television, could thread a needle without glasses and had good hearing. She could neither read nor write, but, her daughter said, "had good sense from beginning to end."

She was over 6 feet tall and once weighed 279 pounds, but in recent years had gone down to about 185. She went up and downstairs twice a day and stayed home alone while her daughter worked at the FBI building.

Her husband, John, who died in 1941 at the age of 99, was also a former slave on the Davis plantation. They married after the Civil War.

Mrs. Terry said her mother often reminisced about her life during that historic time. They stayed on the Davis plantation after the war where the people were "always understandable," and had never whipped their slaves. Even after the Davises died and the Simmonses moved away they always talked of the plantation as "our real home," Mrs. Terry said.

Services and burial were held yesterday in Palmer Springs, near her real home, the old Davis plantation.

Illness Fatal To Dr. H. Liston, College President,

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Special to Journal and Guide

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Funeral services were held in the University chapel on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University here Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. for Dr. Hardy Liston Sr., president of the university, who died at his campus home Saturday night following a lingering illness. He was 67.

Before becoming the university's president in 1947, he had been its executive vice president for four years. He also was active in the Presbyterian Church.

DR. LISTON had served on the commission on institutions of higher education of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes. He also had been chairman of the study committee and a member of the committee on structure, organization and functioning of the Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Since 1954 he had been a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

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THE EDUCATOR was president of the North Carolina Negro College Conference in 1954-55, as well as vice president in 1942, and president in 1943 of the Associatoin of Collegiate Deans and Registrars of Negro Schools.

He was a member also of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System.

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AUTHOR OF a "Study of Work of Jeanes Supervising Teachers for Negro Rural Schools," he was co-author of a "Study of Community Life of Negro Youth," and editor since 1943 of the Quarterly review of Higher Education Among Negroes.

Dr. Liston was born in Fairfield county, S. C., and earned an A. B. degree in 1911 at Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith. He received the degrees of B. S. in 1925 and M. A. in 1928 from the University of Chicago; a doctor of pedagogy from Johnson C. Smith in 1937, doctor of laws from Maryville College in 1952 and Lincoln University in 1953.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Estelle Hoskins Liston; six children and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Davis Liston.

HE WAS also a member of the commission on structure, organization and functioning of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and served as president of the North Carolina College Conference and a member of the executive council of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

He was a member of the H. L. McCrorey Branch, YMCA, Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternities.

Surviving are his wife, three sons, Hugh of St. Louis, Hardy Jr. of Greensboro, and David Liston of Charlotte; three daughters, Mrs. Estelle Muse of Aiken, S.C., Mrs. Margaret Spurlock of Chicago, and Miss Aurelia Liston of Charlotte, and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Liston of Charlotte.

Johnson C. Smith president buried

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 11-3-56

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (ANP) — Funeral services for Dr. Hardy Liston, 67, president of Johnson C. Smith University, were held in the University chapel here last week.

Dr. Liston became president of Johnson C. Smith University in 1947, after first coming to the school as vice-president in 1943. During his administration, improvements in the physical plant of the university totalled approximately a million dollars.

A college teacher for several years, Dr. Liston's virtual adult life was wholly devoted to the profession.

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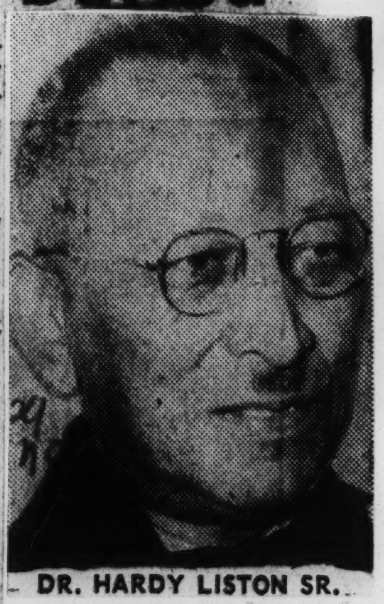
HE TAUGHT in the public schools of Spartanburg, S.C., from 1912 to 1913, was administrative assistant and teacher of mathematics at Kittrell College from 1913 to 1915 and was dean of students at Slater Normal School (now Winston-Salem Teachers College) from 1925 to 1931.

He was dean of Knoxville College from 1931 to 1943. He became vice president of Johnson C. Smith in 1943 and following the retirement of the late Dr. H. L. McCrorey in 1947, succeeded to the presidency.

Dr. Liston was chairman of the student commission of the commission on institutions of



DR. HARDY LISTON SR.

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Illness Fatal To Educator

Dr. Hardy Liston, Sr., president of Johnson C. Smith university, Charlotte, N. C., died at his campus home Saturday night after a lingering illness. He was 67.

Eulogistic services were held from the University chapel Tuesday afternoon.

Famed Friend, Counselor

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'Dr. Will' Noted Human Relations Statesman, Passes

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for 1-21-56

By P. B. YOUNG

One of the South's most outstanding "race relations statesmen" passed off the scene when Dr. Will Winton Alexander died at Chapel Hill Friday, January 13.

Several years ago Dr. Alexander retired after a long career which kept him busy in varied areas of religion, human relations and education for nearly one-half a century, and established his home in suburban Chapel Hill, near the campus of the university, which had furnished several of his co-workers in many fields of endeavor. One of these was the late Dr. Howard W. Odum, and another is Dr. Guy B. Johnson, of the Department of Social Sciences of the University.

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BORN IN MISSOURI in 1884, Dr. Alexander attended the public schools and later received his A. B. degree from Scarritt college. Deciding to enter the Methodist ministry, young Alexander attended Vanderbilt university where he received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1912. He was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Church South and filled pastorates at Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., between 1911 and 1917.

In 1917 he withdrew from the ministry to become Executive Director of the Southern Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which post he filled from 1919 through 1930.

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HE RESIGNED as the director of the Commission to become acting president of Dillard university, New Orleans, and served in this post from 1931 to 1935.

From Dillard Dr. Alexander was called by President Franklin Roosevelt to serve as an assistant administrator of the United States Resettlement Administration. From this post he moved in 1936 to that of administrator of the Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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MEANWHILE he accepted the post of vice-president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which among many educational projects, sponsored the building of 5,357 rural public school houses in fifteen southern states, approximately one-third of the cost borne by the locality, one-third by the Fund, and one-third by Negroes from their private means. The schools, as built, became state property.

Among his activities which stemmed directly from his desire to improve the educational and economic condition of the Negroes in the South and at the same time improve race relations, Dr. Alexander served as chairman of the Advisory Commission on Race Studies on Problems and Policies; the Social Science Research Council; Weil lecturer at the University of North Carolina; member of the Commission on Minority Groups in Economic Recovery; member of the Commission on the Care and Education of American Youth of the American Council on Education.

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HE SERVED ALSO as vice-president-treasurer of the American Council on Race Relations and was on the staff of the War Manpower Commission of World War II.

In the latter post, Dr. Alexander was instrumental in placing Negro manpower where it was needed during World War II, overcoming resistance to the use of Negroes in war industries and in the army except as draftees in labor battalions.

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DR. ALEXANDER PLAYED a conspicuous role in the efforts put forth in the early years of World War II to allay interracial troubles due to rumors generated by southern Negrophobes, which at one time became so explosive that race riots were a matter of daily expectancy.

He was the recipient of the Harmon National Award for services in American Peace Relations in 1928.

Dr. Alexander was a trustee of Antioch College, Bethune-Cookman College, Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spellman College.

He was co-author of the volume of "Collapse of Cotton Tenancy," which was published in 1935 and which explored the depths of share-cropping and the economic drawback that the whole farm-tenant system had been to the South.

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DR. "WILL," AS he was affectionately known by white and colored friends, was a mild mannered, stockily built man of genial disposition. Probably no man in the entire history of the South exerted so much influence in the building of healthy racial attitudes and Christian human relations in the region.

He went about his work with quietness and little fanfare but he was enormously effective in reaching the important goals of adjustment in the South which he loved so well.

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IN POLITICS HE was a Democrat of the progressive school. Above all he was a humanitarian and a realist.

Among the prominent Negro educators to whom he served as counsellor and co-worker were Dr. Robert R. Moton, Dr. John Hope, Dr. Rufus Clement, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Dr. Albert W Dent, Dr. William H. Council, Dr Frederick D. Patterson, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. John M. Ellison, Dr. Gordon B Hancock, Dr. J. R E Lee, Dr George W. Carver, Dr. John W Davis, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, Dr. John M. Gandy, Dr. James E. Shepard, Dr. H L. McCrorey, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Luther H. Foster, Sr., Dr. W. J. Trent and others

Died. Will Winton Alexander, 71, one-time Methodist minister and an authority on race relations, who as administrator (1937-46) of the U.S. Farm Security Administration supervised the rehabilitation of thousands of Southern tenant farmers; of a heart ailment; in Chapel Hill, N.C.

A Real Humanitarian

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Fisk President Extolls Late Dr. Will Alexander

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, has paid tribute to the life and works of the late Dr. Will Alexander. In an exclusive statement to the Journal and Guide, Dr. Johnson hailed Dr. Alexander as a "pioneer in social justice and human relations." His complete statement follows:)

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By DR. CHAS. S. JOHNSON
President, Fisk University

"The South has lost a wise and prophetic social statesman who for forty years has supported the faith of the nation in the region's basic humanity and will to justice, despite its unique problems.

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"DR. WILL" WAS a pioneer in social justice and human fellowship in race relations at a time when such attributes, in realistic experience were unpopular and even subtly dangerous in the South.

"It revives confidence in the ultimate generosity and spirit of justice of the common man that a true example of humility and unimpeachable honesty could be recognized and respected even by those who had not learned to share his philosophy.

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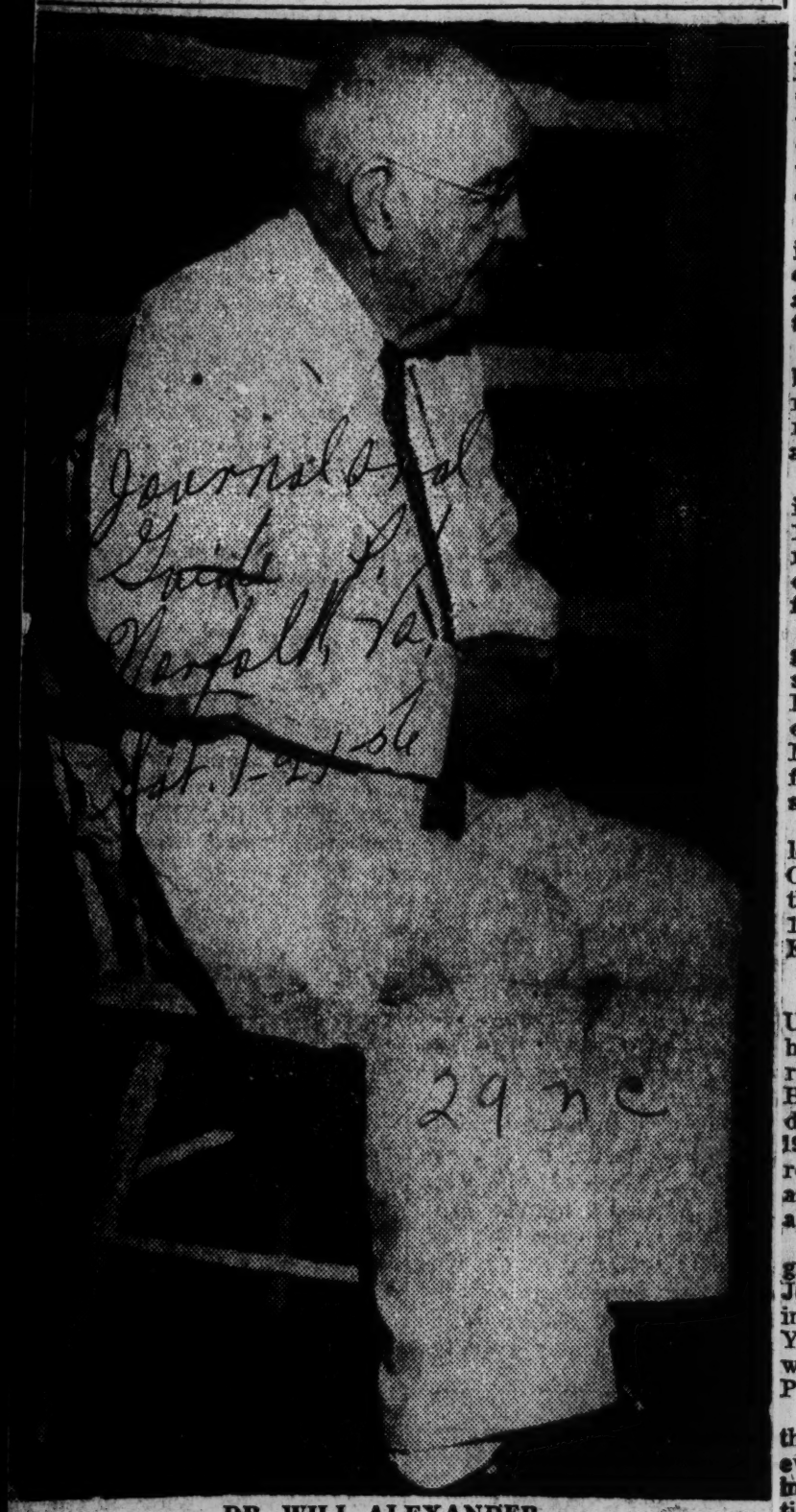
NO ONE CAN estimate the human values saved or the violence stayed by his social statesmanship and spiritual ministry. He was founder and leader for a generation of the first and still the only organizational medium for communication and understanding amid the tensions of race and human relations in the South.

"He worked in expanding dimensions through the church, the Rosenwald Fund and eventually through the Farm Security Administration, the most effective arm of the government for alleviating the ills of the common man in the South and in the nation, white and Negro. His prophetic concerns are now making history.

We salute a great humanitarian and wise statesman who has wrought more than he has lived to see.

Death Claims 'Dr. Will'



DR. WILL ALEXANDER

'Race Relations Statesman' Dies

LATE DR. JONES SAID:

'I'd Live My Life Over'

(Funeral Story on Page 19)

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Dr. David Dallas Jones, 68, president emeritus of Bennett College, died at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, at his home on the college campus. He was one of the nation's most outstanding educators.

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PRESIDENT OF BENNETT since 1926, Dr. Jones, who built Bennett from a rundown institution into a leading college for women, resigned as president last Oct. 22, because of ill health. He was immediately named president-emeritus.

When Dr. Jones went to Bennett in 1926, he found four buildings in deplorable physical condition and a plowed campus. There were ten students and no money.

Today, Bennett has 33 colonial buildings valued at nearly four million dollars, with an endowment of $1,500,000 and with 42 acres of land.

David Dallas Jones was born in Greensboro, N.C., Nov. 19, 1887. His father was a shoemaker and his mother the first colored school teacher in Guilford County.

There were two boys and four girls in the family. The oldest son is a retired bishop of the Methodist Church—Bishop Robert E. Jones Sr. of Waveland, Miss. A sister, Mrs. Oscar Whitfield, lives in Detroit. The other sisters are deceased.

President Jones attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., from which he received the bachelor of arts degree in 1911. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

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HE LATER STUDIED at the University of Chicago and Columbia University, from which he received the M.A. degree in 1930. He was honored with the D.D. degree from his alma mater, in 1937. Howard University conferred upon him the LL.D. degree and in 1954, Syracuse University also honored him with the LL.D.

For three years, following his graduation from Wesleyan, Dr. Jones served as secretary of the international committee of the YMCA. From 1914 to 1923, he was executive secretary of the Pine Street YMCA in St. Louis.

It was through his efforts that the largest amount of money every raised by colored people in St. Louis resulted in the erection of the present structure.

His money-raising ability won for him the title of "builder" and the Pine Street Y is still one of the most outstanding in the United States.

FROM 1923 TO 1926, Dr. Jones was general field agent for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Atlanta. In 1926, when Bennett College was reorganized as a college for women, Dr. Jones was elected president.

Bennett College was founded in 1873 as a co-educational institution. It had lost its rating as a college and its student body was rapidly dwindling when two boards of the Methodist Church decided to reorganize it as a college exclusively for women.

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WHEN DR. JONES came to Bennett, there were four well-worn buildings, a total endowment of $100 and 10 students enrolled in the college. Since that time, the student body has steadily increased to its present-day enrollment of about 467.

In the building of Bennett College, President Jones had seen to it that the faculty consisted of the best-trained teachers of both races—North and South—and in recent years had added teachers from foreign lands.

Today, the college plant consists of 16 Georgian type buildings, a modern children's house and 15 faculty homes, representing consolidated assets of approximately four and one-half million dollars and an endowment of one and one-half million dollars.

In 1915, Dr. Jones married Miss Susie Pearl Williams of St. Louis, herself a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. Of this union, five children were born, three boys and two girls.

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MRS. FRANCES JONES BONNER, one of the daughters, is a graduate of Bennett and of the Boston University College of Medicine. She is the first woman M.D. to be awarded the Helen Putnam Fellowship for advanced research in genetics at Radcliffe College.

Dr. Bonner is on the staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She and her husband are parents of two children, Carol and Dale.

The second daughter is dead.

David D. Jones Jr., the oldest son, is a practicing attorney in NYC and the father of two children, Jane and Allison. The other two boys are Paul Maurice, also of NYC, and Frank Sidney Jones of Boston, both unmarried.

Frank is a graduate student in the Harvard University business school.

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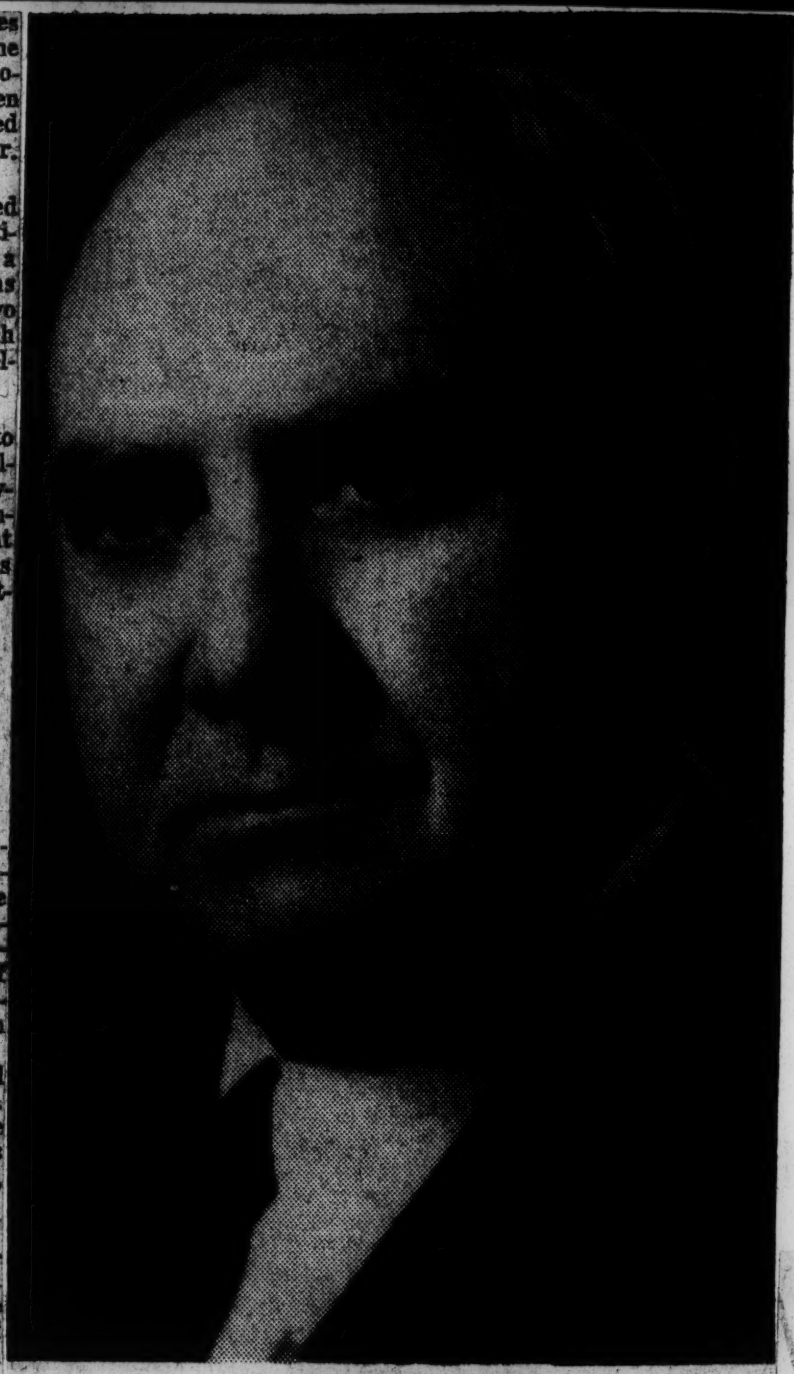
DR. JONES has won recognition at home as well as afield. He is the only man to have a public school in Greensboro named for him in his own lifetime. The David D. Jones School, a 12-room structure, is located near the site of the small school which Dr. Jones attended as a boy.



DR. DAVID D. JONES

Bennett College president highly esteemed

In 1952, he was named a member of the board of education of the City of Greensboro.

That same year, in recognition of 25 years of service as president of Bennett, Dr. Jones received a citation from Christian Education Magazine which was presented at a meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church in Washington, Jan. 7, 1952.

ONLY RECENTLY, the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church announced the gift of $100,000 to Bennet toward building a swimming pool which will round out the college's physical plant.

On Jan. 16, 1947, Dr. Jones was honored by being elected the first president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church composed of presidents of all Methodist colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Another signal honor came to Dr. Jones when he was chosen as one of 100 leaders in America to state his philosophy of life in the book, "This I Believe," compiled by Edward R. Murrow, noted news commentator, in 1952.

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"IF I WERE TO START LIFE AGAIN, I think I would do just what I have done in the past—this past having been done by

Final Rites Held For Dr. Elijah Gregg

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — With Dr. A. H. George, Dean of the School of Religion at Johnson C. Smith University officiating, final rites for the Rev. Elijah J. Gregg D.D., retired minister of the Haymount Presbyterian Church, were held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Haymount Church. Dr. Gregg passed away quietly at his home at 405 Robeson St. on Monday, Oct. 29. Prior to his retirement on Jan. 1, he had served as minister of the Haymount Church for nineteen years.

Simple and beautiful, the funeral was reminiscent of the life he had led. Dean George extolled the Rev. Gregg's sterling qualities which he pointed out expressed themselves in every aspect of his dealings with folk of all stations of life.

Active pallbearers included the deacons of the Haymount Presbyterian Church. And among the honorary pallbearers were the ministers at the Atlantic and Catawba Synods; the members of the Fayetteville Ministerial Alliance; the elders of the Haymount Presbyterian Church and members of the local graduate chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Serving as honorary pallbearers also were Dr. W. P. DeVane, Dr. F. D. Williston, Dr. Watson Fowler, Dr. J. N. Bugg, Dr. Leavy Perry, Dr. A. J. Henderson, S. W. Thaggard, Earnest E. Miller, Samuel S. Drake, Roy A. Evans, and John Henderson.

Dr. Gregg devoted the whole of his life to the Christian ministery and to teaching, having served in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, USA, for 52 years. Thoroughly trained for his work, he received the A. B. degree from Lincoln University, the S. T. B. from Auburn Seminary where he graduated with distinction and subsequently his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. His long tenure as a minister included pastorates in Due West, Newberry, and Rock Hill, S. C. and at Jacksonville, Fla. For a portion of the time, he worked also as a school principal.

As a distinguished clergy man, the Rev. Gregg served as commissioner to the General Assembly for five years and for eight as chairman of National Missions in the Synod of Atlantic and later in the Catawba Synod. And during his 19 year tenure in Fayetteville, he served as chaplain and subsequently as chairman of the local ministerial alliance.

The Rev. Gregg was born in Sumter County, S. C. and came of a Christian family from which four brothers went forth as Presbyterian ministers. To his marriage to Miss Georgia A. Thompson of Spartanburg, S. C., one daughter Mrs. Bernice Walker of Cleveland, Ohio, was born. His second marriage was to Miss Ethelind I. Thompson.

Surviving the Rev. Gregg are his wife, Mrs. Ethelind I. Gregg; his daughter, Mrs. Bernice Walker of Cleveland, Ohio; his sister, Miss Alice Gregg of Sumter, S. C.; and his three brothers, Jeremiah Gregg, and Edward Gregg of Sumter, S. C., and the Rev. Franklin Gregg, retired minister of Newnan, Ga.

Interment was in the family cemetery in Sumter, S. C.

Hold Last Rites For Dr. Liston

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Dr. Hardy Liston, 67, president of Johnson C. Smith university, died at his home in Charlotte late Saturday night after a lingering illness.

He came to Johnson C. Smith university in 1943 as executive vice-president and served in that capacity until 1947 when he became president.

Funeral services for Dr. Liston were held in the University church Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Liston was born in Fairfield county, South Carolina, on March 30, 1889, the only son of Mrs. Maggie Davis and the late Huey Lord Liston. He was graduated from [illegible] (Johnson C. Smith) university in 1911 with the bachelor of arts degree.

He also received the bachelor of science degree in 1925 and the master of arts degree in 1928 from the university of Chicago. He has received honorary degrees from Johnson C. Smith university (Ped. D.), Maryville college, Maryville, Tennessee, and Lincoln university, Pennsylvania (LL.D.)

After graduating from college, Dr. Liston taught in the public schools of Spartanburg, S. C. 1912-1913. From 1913 to 1915, he was administrative assistant and teacher of mathematics at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C. From there he went to Slater Normal school (now Winston-Salem Teachers College) where he served as a member of the faculty for 16 years and served as dean from 1925 to 1931. He was dean of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee, from 1931 to 1943.

In 1943 he became executive vice president of Johnson C. Smith university. Upon the retirement of the late Dr. H L. Mc Crorey in 1947, Dr. Liston was elected president of the university.

During his administration, improvements is the physical plant of the university have totaled approximately a million dollars.

Dr. Liston has served as chairman of the Study Committee of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education for the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes and was first vice-president of the association at the time of his death. He was a member of the Commission on Structure, Organization and Functioning of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

He has served as president of the North Carolina College Conference and a member of the Executive Council of Churches. In 1943, he was president of the Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools. He was a member of the American Section of the Alliance of Reformed churches through the World Holding the Presbyterian System. He was a member of the board of management and served on the board of Liasion Committee of the H. L. McCrorey Branch, Y. M. C. A. and was a member of the Executive Committee of the United Appeal and a Presbyterian Elder.

Dr. Liston is survived by his wife three sons, Hugy Liston of St Louis, Mo., Hardy Liston of Greensboro, and David Liston of Charlotte; three daugthers, Mrs. Estelle Muse of Aiken, S. C. , Mrs. Margaret Spurlock of Chicago, and Miss Aurelia Liston of Charlotte and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Liston of Charlotte.

President of A. & T. College for 30 Years

Dr. Bluford, 73, Buried!

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Funeral services for Dr. Ferdinand D. Bluford, president of A&T College, were conducted at the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium on the college campus.

Dr. Bluford

The brief and simple rites were under the supervision of the Rev. Cleo M. McCoy, director of religious activities at the college. The eulogy was given by the Rev. J. W. Tynes, pastor of the local Providence Baptist Church, in which Dr. Bluford held membership for a long number of years. Charles A. Hines, chairman of the college trustees board and a close confidant of the deceased, gave brief remarks. Interment followed at the Piedmont Memorial Park in Greensboro.

Dr. Bluford, 73, died at a local hospital, Dec. 21, following an illness of two weeks.

HE ASSUMED the presidency of the college in 1925 after serving as classroom teacher, dean and vice president, in that order, for the previous thirteen years beginning in 1912.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hazel Diffay Bluford, formerly of Birmingham, Ala.; two brothers, Dr. J. W. Bluford, a physician in Philadelphia, and Charles B. Bluford, of Capahosic, Va., and a sister, Mrs. James Faulkner, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Bluford headed the college here for thirty years, watching and being instrumental in its growth from 350 students to 3,000, and growth from a $2 million plant to one of $12 million.

A native of Capahosic, Va., he was born Aug. 4, 1882. He was named dean and vice president at A&T in 1918, and held that post until his promotion to the presidency in 1925.

During Dr. Bluford's illness, Dean Warmoth T. Gibbs has been in charge, and he will continue, as dean, to perform the duties of the president, according to a statement of Charles T. Hines, chairman of the board of trustees of the college.

Funeral rites were conducted at St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church Tuesday, Jan 10, 3:30 p. m. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. D. A. Johnston, pastor.

North Carolina Mutual Insurance Official Dies

DURHAM, N. C.—Davis B. (Dan) Martin, associate director of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and chairman of the Political Action Committee on Negro Affairs, died suddenly, Jan. 5. He had been ill for several months.

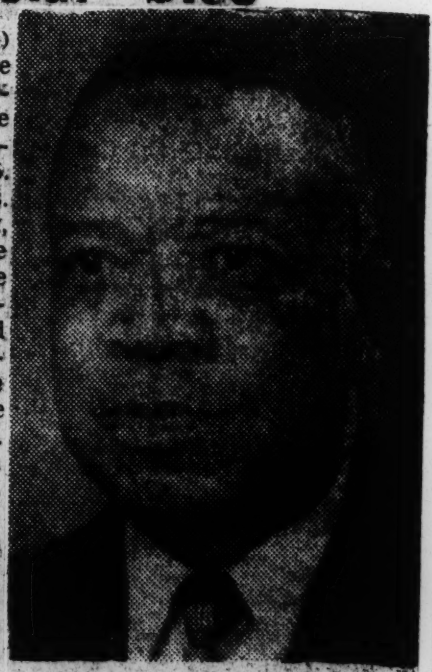
Mr. Martin was born in Albany, Ga., the son of Joseph and Mattie Martin. He was educated in the public schools of Albany, State Normal and Industrial Institute, and Lincoln University. He taught Latin and English at Kittrell College and Durham City School before going into the insurance business.

He was employed by the North Carolina Mutual Sept. 16, 1926 as a special agent on the Albany District. On Sept. 12, 1927, he was transferred to the Industrial Department of the Home Office and was later made chief clerk of that department. On Jan. 14, 1946, he was appointed Assistant to the Agency Director and elected Assistant Agency Director in Jan. 1947—and elected Associate Agency Director March 31, 1953, which position he held until his passing. As a company official, his services were unique. His record of efficiency and loyalty is most commendable. He was widely known in insurance circles, having served on various committees and vice president of the Agency Section of the National Insurance Association.

He was a Mason, a Shriner, a member of St. Joseph's A M E Church, having served for eight years as superintendent of its Sunday School; vice president of John Avery Boy's Club; director of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association; member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Durham Business and Professional Chain, in addition to the Democratic and Negro Affairs Committee.

As a citizen, he was highly respected among both races and gave freely of his time and resources to the betterment of the community. He had a reputation as a peace-maker between liberal and conservative Negro political factions.

J. L. Atkins, Jr., chairman of the Durham County Committee, commenting on Mr. Martin's death said "In Dan Martin, Durham has lost a valuable citizen and a man who has given greatly of his time and energies toward our community. His many years of service on the Durham County Democratic Executive Committee have been invaluable".



DAVIS B. MARTIN

Mr. Martin is survived by his wife, the former Miss Theola Green of Oxford; one daughter, Carolyn Patricia, student at Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.; three sons, Davis B. Jr., who is in Europe with the Armed Forces, Joseph Henry, a member of the Armed Forces in the Far East; and Winfred Augustus of Durham; Mrs. Mary Martin, stepmother, Albany, Ga.; Arthur Gibson, half-brother, Columbus, O.; his associates, and a host of friends.

The Death of Dr. Bluford

THE DEATH of Dr. F. D. Bluford, long-time president of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College at Greensboro is a distinct loss to his state and to the nation.

Under his guidance the college was enlarged tremendously, at a cost of millions of dollars, so that it now commands respect as one of the best and most modern in facilities.

While necessary and important, this physical growth—necessary to accommodate the burgeoning enrollment—was no more noteworthy than was the improvement and broadening of the curriculum at A. and T.

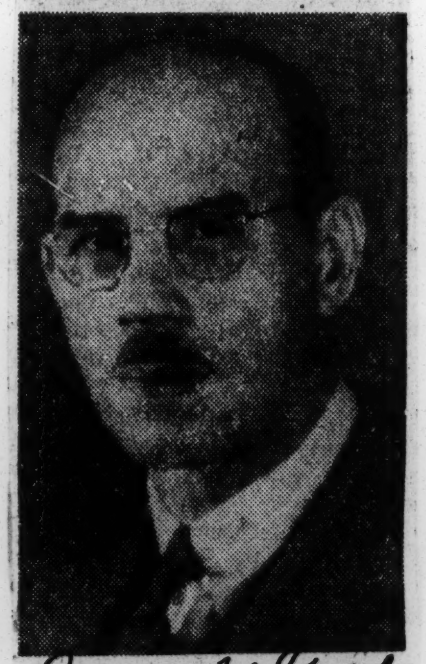
The breadth and variety of the courses available at the institution have been enhanced along with the tremendous enlargement of the campus and erection of new buildings. Only by a comparison of course listings in old and current catalogues could the great changes be wholly visualized.

This balanced concern for the growth of the college was a hallmark of the administration of Dr. Bluford. He was constantly seeking the best of teachers, and encouraging those on the faculty to take opportunities for advanced study. Dr. Bluford realized that it is actually in the teaching that a college becomes great and realizes its best potential.

A native of Virginia, he received his college training on the undergraduate level in this state. His Alma Mater, Virginia Union University, recognizing him as one of her ablest sons, awarded him an honorary Ph.D. degree. His educational work began in Alabama, then continued in Virginia and Kentucky. He joined the faculty of A. and T. in 1912 as an English instructor.

His rise was marked. In 1918 he became dean and vice-president of the college, and succeeded to the presidency in 1925. In the three decades that followed his accomplishments were such as to earn him a permanent niche in the history of education.

Prominent Raleigh Surgeon Succumbs



DR. L. T. DELANY
Succumbs

By J. RAWLINS

RALEIGH, N. C. — Dr. Lemuel T. Delany, prominent physician and surgeon, died at St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C., early Monday morning, this week. The sixty-seven year old physician was reportedly in failing health for a long period of time before being taken to the hospital, in a critical condition, Saturday, Jan. 7. Death came at 7:45 a. m. Monday.

Until 1952, Dr. Delany served as chief surgeon at St. Agnes Hospital and engaged in private practice. He attended

St. Augustine's College and was graduated from Leonard Medical College in 1909. A native of Raleigh, he began practicing medicine in 1910 and was active until his death.

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ORGANIZATIONAL affiliations of Dr. Delany include membership in the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; the L. A. Scruggs Medical Society; the Old North State Medical Society, and the National Medical Society. During World War II he served on the local Selective Service Board. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, having served as Potentate of Kabla Temple.

Dr. Will W. Alexander Dies

CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 13—Dr. Will Winton Alexander, 69, a former administrator of the U.S. Farm Security Administration and an outstanding authority on race relations, died today.

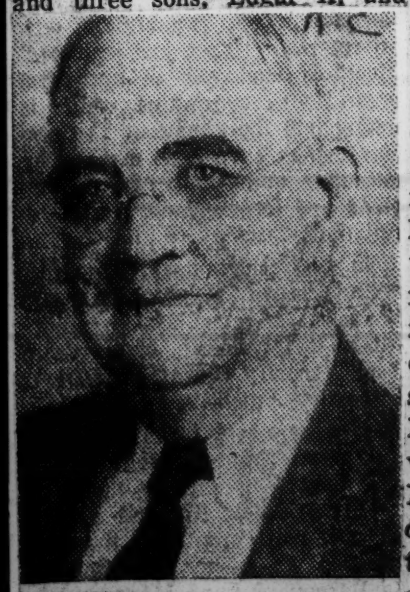
Dr. Alexander had lived in Chapel Hill since his retirement several years ago. He had been ill for about three weeks.

Funeral services will be held at the Congregational Christian Church here at 3 p.m. Monday.

Born in Morrisville, Mo., in 1884, Dr. Alexander was a Methodist minister for many years. At one time he was acting president of Dillard University in New Orleans.

He was an executive of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and served as vice president of the Rosenwald Fund. In 1937, he became administrator of the Farm Security Commission.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, Edgar K. and William M. Alexander of Chapel Hill, and John W. Alexander of St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands.



DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER

Dr. Will W. Alexander

It may be that Dr. Will W. Alexander and the time for the need of such a man as he was came to an end together when he died on the little farm of his retirement near Chapel Hill on Friday morning.

In a world which depends much on labels he had been famous for half a century as an "authority on race relations." But at the end of that half-century, as Dr. Alexander probably realized better than most of us, the relations had altered and changed. Indeed, in some respects they had disappeared. What had been relationships of men had become the antagonism of lawyers. And the problems which he had approached with a magnificent combination of love, humor, hard-headedness and common sense seemed only confronted by decree on the one hand and defiance on the other. Between those two there seemed when Dr. Alexander died less room for wisdom and warm-heartedness.

Actually, of course, nothing could be further from the truth than such an idea. Dr. Will Alexander's death gives emphasis, never more needed than now, to the truth that real race relations can be established neither in the courtroom nor the legislative hall but at last and lastingly only in the human heart. He himself had understood that from the time when as a young man he retired from the Methodist ministry in Tennessee to become executive director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. He applied that understanding as vice president of the Rosenwald Foundation and as administrator of the Farm Security Administration in which last position his concern was not for Negroes as such but for a better chance for all little people on the land.

There never was a man who looked and acted less like a do-gooder than Dr. Alexander. He was never an idealist with his head in the clouds but always one with his feet on the ground. There was never a fanatic gleam in his eyes. No one appreciated more than he the comic aspects of the life and character of some of those he most sought to help—or of those, some of whom he had to bear, who became the pompous or arrogant stuffed shirts of reform. The comic faults in people, both the underprivileged and the over-pretentious, never shook his faith. Indeed, his faith in the dignity of man was based upon his loving, often laughing, understanding of man's faults.

Such a man will not soon be an anachronism. Indeed, the need for his counsel to the last days of his life came from far places over the rural telephone line to his farm. Professors and students drove out the highway to sit on his porch or stand beside Dr. Will while he directed the clearing of a cornfield or knelt himself to plant an asparagus bed. In his retirement the wisdom which he possessed and the good will which he exuded never seemed more needed by so many than in his last days when sometimes race relations seemed darker and harder than ever before.

No one knew better than he that he did not have all the answers. In half a century of hard work he had not found them. But he did know, at last as at first, that the only ways to seek them are the ways of the warm heart, the humorous understanding and the willingness to deal in good will and common sense.

Raleigh Physician Succumbs

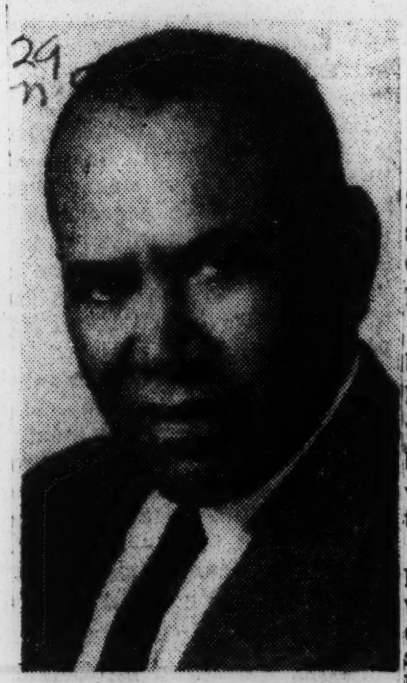
Dr. William Bryant Pettiford, 62, of 1302 Oberlin Road, a staff physician at Saint Agnes Hospital and also physician for Shaw University, died here Thursday morning at St. Agnes. He had been ill for several months.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pettiford, he was a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, Class of 1918, and the Meharry Medical College, Class of 1929. He also did postgraduate work at Meharry and Boston University.

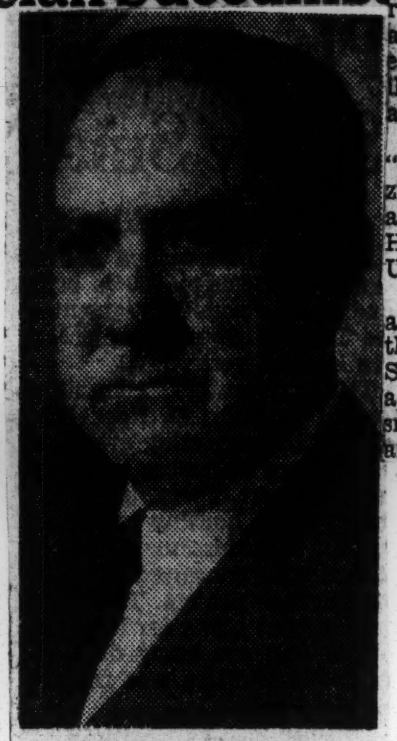
After serving a year's internship at Saint Agnes Hospital, he was named to the hospital staff and began to practice medicine here.

Dr. Pettiford was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, the Shriners, Masons, the board of managers of the Bloodworth Street YMCA, and the National Medical Association . He was also a life-long member of the Wilson Temple Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the board of trustees.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Coltrane Pettiford; a brother, Alvin Pettiford of Columbus, Ohio; and a number of other relatives.



DR. WILLIAM B. PETTIFORD



Dr. David D. Jones

David Jones Dies; Bennett College Head

Special to the Herald Tribune

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 24.—Dr. David Dallas Jones, sixty-eight, president of Bennett College for Negro girls for the last thirty years, died today.

Dr. Jones, the son of a Greensboro shoe repairman, became head of Bennett College when it was a cluster of four dilapidated buildings with a few acres of vegetable crops and had $1 in the treasury.

He was graduated from Wesleyan University, took graduate work at the University of Chicago and had been a Y. M. C. A. secretary when he and his wife, Mrs. Susie P. Williams Jones, were called by the Methodist Church to convert the rundown co-educational school into a women's school.

Called the "Negro Vassar"

After a few years of struggle, he got a $250,000 grant from the General Education Board set up by John D. Rockefeller and soon won gifts from other philanthropists. By 1952, the college had a beautifully landscaped campus of forty-two acres, thirty-one modern buildings and an enrollment of 438.

Dr. Jones and his wife designed the curriculum to fit the interracial problems of its students and enrollment was drawn from exceptional children of poor families. The college had both white and Negro teachers.

In 1952, Dr. Jones received the "Christian Education" magazine's award for his achievement as president of Bennett College. He took his doctorate at Howard University in 1937.

Surviving, besides his wife, are a daughter, Dr. Frances Bonner; three sons, Paul Maurice, Frank Sidney and David D. Jones jr.; a brother, Bishop Robert E. Jones sr.; a sister, Mrs. Oscar Whitfield, and four grandchildren.

Famed Friend, Counselor

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'Dr. Will' Noted Human Relations Statesman, Passes

Norfolk, Va.

Sat. 1-21-56

By P. B. YOUNG P. 1

One of the South's most outstanding "race relations statesmen" passed off the scene when Dr. Will Winton Alexander died at Chapel Hill Friday, January 13. NC

Several years ago Dr. Alexander retired after a long career which kept him busy in varied areas of religion, human relations and education for nearly one-half a century, and established his home in suburban Chapel Hill, near the campus of the university, which had furnished several of his co-workers in many fields of endeavor. One of these was the late Dr. Howard W. Odum, and another is Dr. Guy B. Johnson, of the Department o Social Sciences of the Univ.. sity.

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BORN IN MISSOURI in 1884, Dr. Alexander attended the public schools and later received his A. B. degree from Scarritt college. Deciding to enter the Methodist ministry, young Alexander attended Vanderbilt university where he received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1912. He was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Church South and filled pastorates at Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., between 1911 and 1917.

In 1917 he withdrew from the ministry to become Executive Director of the Southern Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which post he filled from 1919 through 1930.

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HE RESIGNED as the director of the Commission to become acting president of Dillard university, New Orleans, and served in this post from 1931 to 1935. P. 2

From Dillard Dr. Alexander was called by President Franklin Roosevelt to serve as an assistant administrator of the United States Resettlement Administration. From this post he moved in 1936 to that of administrator of the Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture. 29 NC

MEANWHILE he accepted the post of vice-president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which among many educational projects, sponsored the building of 5 357 rural public school houses in fifteen southern states, approximately one-third of the cost borne by the locality, one-third by the Fund, and one-third by Negroes from their private means. The schools, as built, became state property.

Among his activities which stemmed directly from his desire to improve the educational and economic condition of the Negroes in the South and at the same time improve race relations, Dr. Alexander served as chairman of the Advisory Commission on Race Studies on Problems and Policies; the Social Science Research Council; Weil lecturer at the University of North Carolina; member of the Commission on Minority Groups in Economic Recovery; member of the Commission on the Care and Education of American Youth of the American Council on Education.

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HE SERVED ALSO as vice-president-treasurer of the American Council on Race Relations and was on the staff of the War Manpowerr Commission of World War II.

In the latter post, Dr. Alexander was instrumental in placing Negro manpower where it was needed during World War II, overcoming resistance to the use of Negroes in war industries and in the army except as draftees in labor battalions.

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DR. ALEXANDER PLAYED a conspicuous role in the efforts put forth in the early years of World War II to allay interracial troubles due to rumors generated by southern Negrophobes, which at one time became so explosive that race riots were a matter of daily expectancy.

He was the recipient of the Harmon National Award for services in American Peace Relations in 1928.

Dr. Alexander was a trustee of Antioch College, Bethune-Cookman College, Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spellman College.

He was co-author of the volume of "Collapse of Cotton Tenancy," which was published in 1935 and which explored the depths of share-cropping and the economic drawback that the whole farm-tenant system had been to the South.

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DR. "WILL," AS he was affectionately known by white and colored friends, was a mild mannered, stockily built man of genial disposition. Probably no man in the entire history of the South exerted so much influence in the building of healthy racial attitudes and Christian human relations in the region.

He went about his work with quietness and little fanfare but he was enormously effective in reaching the important goals of adjustment in the South which he loved so well.

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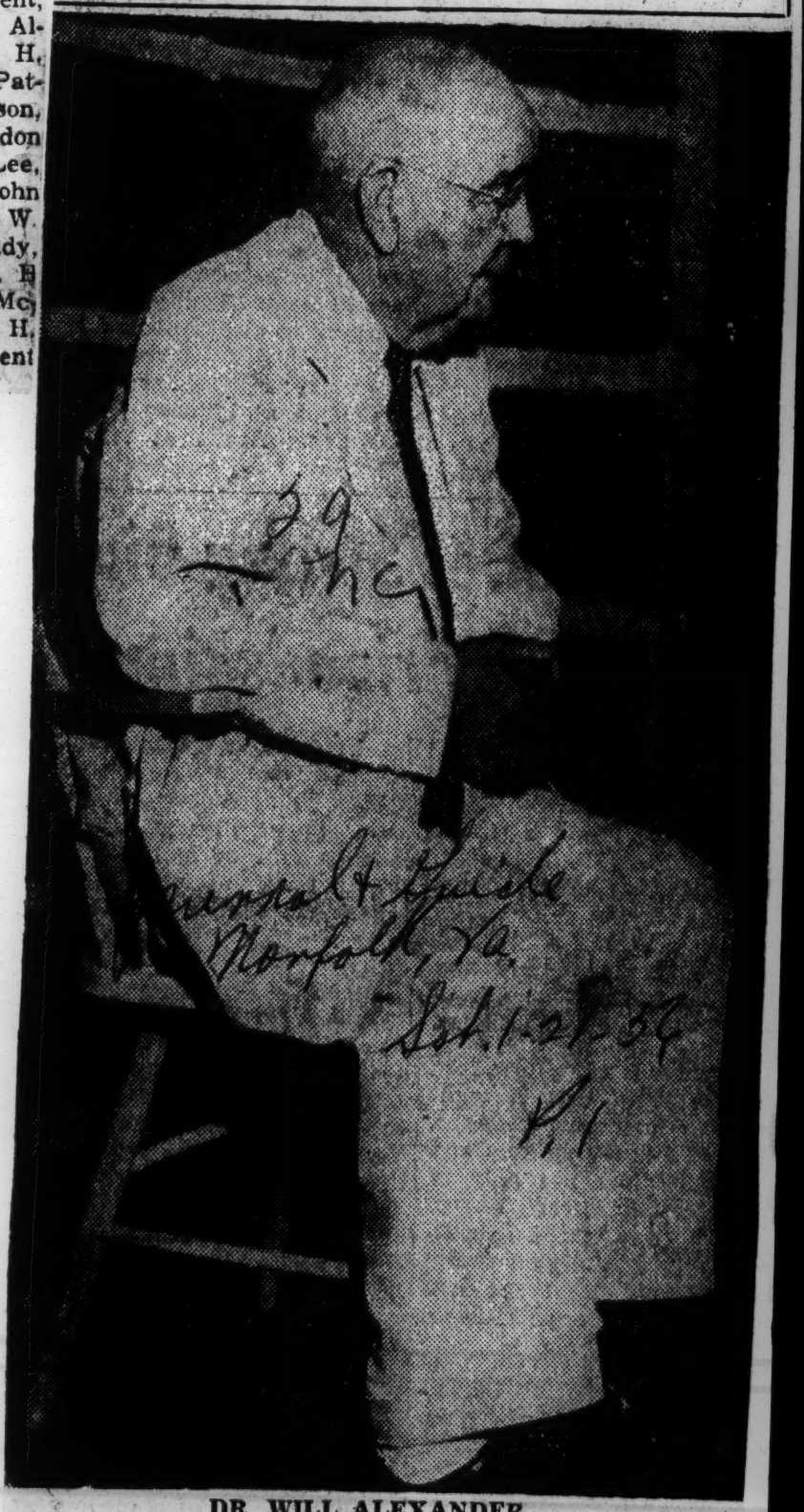
IN POLITICS HE was a Democrat of the progressive school. Above all he was a humanitarian and a realist.

Among the prominent Negro educators to whom he served as counsellor and co-worker were Dr. Robert R. Moton, Dr. John Hope, Dr. Rufus Clement, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Dr. Albert W Dent, Dr. William H. Council, Dr Frederick D. Patterson, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. John M. Ellison, Dr. Gordon B Hancock, Dr. J. R E Lee, Dr George W. Carver, Dr. John W Davis, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, Dr. John M. Gandy, Dr. James E. Shepard, Dr. B L. McCrorey, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Luther H. Foster, Sr., Dr. W. J. Trent and others

Death Claims 'Dr. Will'



DR. WILL ALEXANDER
'Race Relations Statesman' Dies

A Real Humanitarian

Fisk President Extolls Late Dr. Will Alexander

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, has paid tribute to the life and works of the late Dr. Will Alexander. In an exclusive statement to the Journal and Guide, Dr. Johnson hailed Dr. Alexander as a "pioneer in social justice and human relations." His complete statement follows:)

By DR. CHAS. S. JOHNSON
President, Fisk University

"The South has lost a wise and prophetic social statesman who for forty years has supported the faith of the nation in the region's basic humanity and will to justice, despite its unique problems.

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"DR. WILL" WAS a pioneer in social justice and human fellowship in race relations at a time when such attributes, in realistic experience were unpopular and even subtly dangerous in the South.

"It revives confidence in the ultimate generosity and spirit of justice of the common man that a true example of humility and unimpeachable honesty could be recognized and respected even by those who had not learned to share his philosophy.

NO ONE CAN estimate the human values saved or the violence stayed by his social statesmanship and spiritual ministry. He was founder and leader for a generation of the first and still the only organizational medium for communication and understanding amid the tensions of race and human relations in the South.

"He worked in expanding dimensions through the church, the Rosenwald Fund and eventually through the Farm Security Administration, the most effective arm of the government for alleviating the ills of the common man in the South and in the nation, white and Negro. His prophetic concerns are now making history.

We salute a great humanitarian and wise statesman who has wrought more than he has lived to see.

DR. DAVID D. JONES, NEGRO EDUCATOR, 68

Special to The New York Times.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 24—Dr. David Dallas Jones, president of Bennett College, a private college for Negro women, died here today. His age was 68.

Dr. Jones had been president of the college for thirty years. He had been active in the work of interracial groups and often was a speaker at meetings in New York and elsewhere.

He was born in Greensboro, and, after his graduation from Wesleyan University in 1911, received an M. A. degree from Columbia University in 1930. In 1937, Howard University awarded him an LL.D.

He started his career in 1911 as secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1914, he became executive secretary of the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. in St. Louis.

Before going to Bennett, he also spent three years as a member of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in Atlanta.

In 1947, Dr. Jones was elected president of the Methodist Association at a meeting in Boston of the National Association of Schools and Colleges. He was the first Negro president of the association.

He also had served as a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church and as chairman of the board of the Carnegie Library here.

His widow, Mrs. Susie Williams Jones; three sons, a daughter, a brother, a sister and four grandchildren survive.

Cremate Body Of Educator

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Funeral services for Dr. David Dallas Jones, 68, president of Bennett college, were held Friday in Annie Merner Pfeiffer chapel on the college campus.

Dr. Jones died earlier in the week after being ill since early January of 1955. He had been president of the all-girl school for the past 30 years.

Participating in services for him were Bishop Edgar A. Love, prelate of the Baltimore Methodist church, and vice chairman of the Bennett board of trustees; Dr. W. C. Jackson, of Greensboro, chairman of the board, and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse college, Atlanta.

CREMATE REMAINS.

The remains were cremated and the ashes placed in the altar of the chapel.

A native of Greensboro, Dr. Jones attended Wesleyan university, Mildletown, Conn., from which he was graduated in 1911 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity. He later studied at the University of Chicago and earned his MA from Columbia university in 1930.

He also held honorary degrees from Wesleyan, Howard and Syracuse universities.

After his graduation from Wesleyan, Dr. Jones served for three years as secretary of the International Committee of the YMCA. From 1914-23, he was executive sceretary of the Pine Street YMCA in St. Louis. He was considered as the guiding force behind efforts to raise money for the erection of the present YMCA structure in St. Louis.

From 1923-26, he was general field agent for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Atlanta.

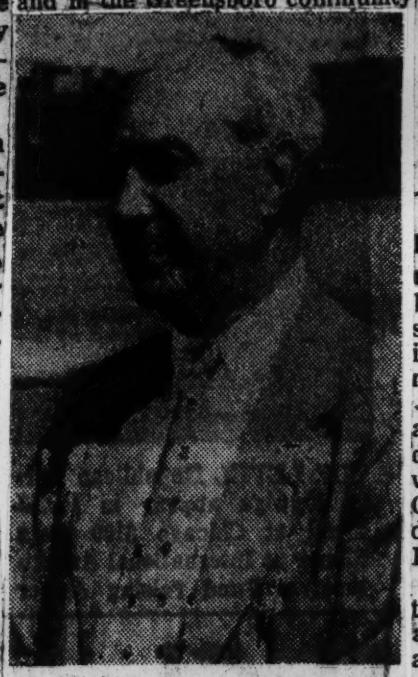
JOINS BENNETT IN '26

In 1926, when Bennett college was reorganized as a college for women, Dr. Jones was elected president. Under him, Bennett has grown to its present status.

When he came to the college, there were four well-worn buildings, a total endowment of $100 and 10 students enrolled in the institution.

Bennett now boasts an enrollment of 467 students from 32 states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries. Today the college's consolidated assets are $4½ million and it has an endowment of $1½ million.

Because of his work at Bennett and in the Greensboro community



DR. DAVID JONES

many honors came to Dr. Jones. Among them were appointment to the Board of Education in 1952, the naming of an elementary school after him, a citation form the Christian Education magazine in 1952, election to the presidency of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist church, and selection to state his philosophy of life in the book, "This I Believe", compiled by Edward R. Murrow, news commentator, in 1952.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Besides his work as president of Bennett, Dr. Jones has served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Carnegie branch library in Greensboro; as a trustee of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation; as a member of the National Boys' Work Council of the YMCA; as a member of the board of directors of the Association of American Colleges and as treasurer of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist church.

He also was active in other capacities with the Methodist church.

Besides the widow, the former Miss Susie Williams of St. Louis whom he married in 1915, the survivors include four children, Dr. Frances Bonner, Boston; David D. Jones, jr., an attorney of New York; Paul Maurice and Frank Sidney, both of New York; a brother, Bishop Robert E. Jones, sr., of Waveland, Miss., a sister, Mrs. Oscar Whitfield, Detroit, and four grandchildren, Carol and Dale Bonner, Boston, and Jane and Allison Jones, New York.

Dr. W. B. Pettiford, Raleigh medic, dies

RALEIGH, N.C.—Dr. William Bryand Pettiford, 62 physician at Shaw University and a member of the St. Agnes Hospital staff died here, Thursday morning in the hospital after an illness of several months.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pettiford, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University (1918) Meharry Medical College (1929) and did postgraduate work both at Meharry and Boston University.

After serving a one-year internship at St. Agnes, he became a member of the hospital staff and began the practice of medicine here.

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DR. PETTIFORD was a Shriner and Mason , a Sigma man, member of the Bloodworth YM CA board of managers and the National Medical Association, a trustee, lifelong member and Sunday School teacher in Wilson Temple Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bessie Coltrane Pettiford; one brother, Alvin Pettiford of Columbus, Ohio and a large number of other relatives.

Funeral arrangements had not beeen completed at press time.

Dr. David Jones, Bennett For 30 Years, Dies After Pres. Illness

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Dr. David Dallas Jones, for the past 30 years president of Bennett College, died here at 1:15 P. M. today. He was 68.

He had been ill since early January of last year. In addition to his widow, the former Miss Susie Williams of St. Louis, whom he married in 1915, he is survived by four children: Dr. Frances Bonner of Boston; David D. Jones, Jr., Attorney of New York City; Jaul Maurice and Frank Sidney, also of New York City; A brother, Bishop Robert E. Jones, Sr., of Waveland, Miss., a sister, Mrs. Oscar Whitfield, of Detroit, and four grandchildren, Carol and Dale Bonner of Boston and Jane and Allison Jones of New York City.

Funeral Services will be held in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel on the College Campus Friday at 10:30 A. M.

Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Baltimore area of the Methodist church will follow and the ashes will be placed in the altar of the chapel. The family has requested that flowers be omitted.

Bishop Allen Of AME Church Dies

Daily World Atlanta, Ga
Thurs. 11-22-56

Bishop Alexander Joseph Allen, presiding bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District of the AME Church died Wednesday and funeral services will be held Tuesday, 1 P. M., at St. John AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

The passing of the distinguished AME prelate was announced here Wednesday morning by Bishop William R. Wilkes, presiding bishop of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church, while the Atlanta Georgia Conference was in session at Turner Monumental AME Church. Complete details were not available.

Bishop Wilkes made the announcement after receiving a message from Ohio, and the Georgia AMEs immediately paused in silent tribute to the brilliant churchman and native Georgian.

NATIVE GEORGIAN

A native of Columbus, Ga., Bishop Allen was educated in the public schools of Girard, Ala.; Clark University, Atlanta, and Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

Converted when twelve years of age and elected superintendent of his Sunday School when 16, he was licensed to preach at St. James AME Church, Columbus, Ga., June 9, 1901.

Prior to entering the ministry Bishop Allen served for two years as executive secretary of the Ninth Street YMCA in Columbus, Ga., and also for two years held the same position at the Goffe Street YMCA, New Haven, Conn.

After serving as pastor of churches in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Ohio, he was elected Division Secretary of the American Bible Society in 1931, with headquarters in Cleveland.

Then after nine years in the work of the American Bible Society, he was elected to the bishopric at the General Conference at Detroit, Mich., in 1940.

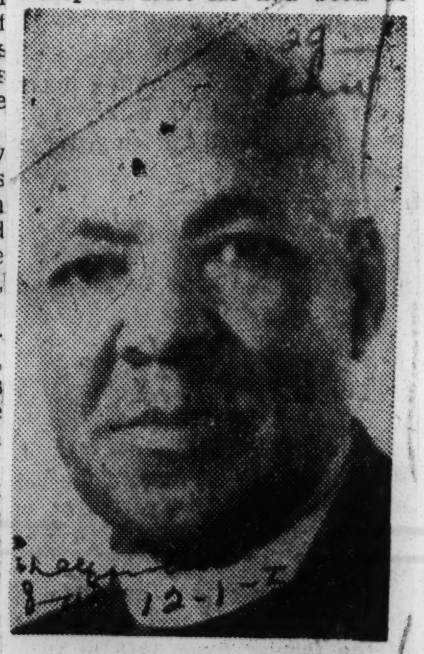
Bishop and Mrs. Allen, who were married in 1915, are the parents of four sons.

A. J. Allen, AME Bishop, Dies At 69

Leader

CLEVELAND — Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Bishop Alexander J. Allen of the AME Church who died Wednesday, Nov. 21, after a brief illness.

He was rushed to the hospital following an asthma attack. The 69-year-old prelate was elected a bishop in 1940. He had been assigned to the Fourth Episcopal District at the last General Conference in May of this year at Miami, Fla.



BISHOP A. J. ALLEN

This comprises Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and a part of Canada.

Bishop Allen was born in Columbus, Ga., Sept. 22, 1887. He was one of a long line to give service to the AME church. His father was for many years editor of the Southwestern Christian Recorder of the church.

ATTENDED YALE

Bishop Allen was educated at Clark Univ. in Atlanta and attended Yale Divinity School. He served as pastor in Boston; Jamestown, R. I.; Connelsville, Pa.; Columbus, Portsmouth, and Dayton, Ohio. In 1931, he was named executive secretary of the American Bible Society and moved to Cleveland.

After his election in 1940, he was first assigned to the 16th Episcopal District of the West Indies and South America. In 1944, he was named to the Third District of Ohio and West Virginia.

At the recent General Conference, he delivered the important Episcopal Address on the state of the church.

LARGEST AREA

He had only recently been in Chicago, largest conference in the Fourth District to supervise some important changes in the conference, the assignment of ministers to new charges.

The churchman is survived by his wife, fN, f:

The churchman is survived by:

His wife, Mrs. Jewett Allen and four sons, Alexander Jr., executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Urban League; Samuel, an attorney in New York; George, an attorney in Philadelphia, and Dr. Griffin Allen, also of Philadelphia.

A brother, Nimrod Allen of Columbus, Ohio, founder and executive director of the Frontiers of America Inc.; and a sister, Mrs. Franklin Mason, wife of an AME minister.

Burial was in Cleveland.

W. P. Dabney, 65, Of Central State, Dies

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — William P. Dabney, 65, employee of Central State college for 21 years, died at his home on the campus and funeral services were held in Galloway auditorium Jan. 4. President Charles H. Wesley delivered the eulogy. Surviving are:

His widow, Mrs. Ida M. Dabney, two daughters, Misses Hazel and Betty J. Dabney; a son, Charles, of Paris, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. William Dabney of Philadelphia; a grandson, two brothers, Lincoln of New York City and Pearl of Lakin, W. Va.

Ga. politician dies in Toledo

TOLEDO, Ohio (ANP) — Emmett L. Wheaton Sr., 76-year-old attorney and real estate man, died last week in Flower Hospital after suffering a stroke while driving a week before.

Mr. Wheaton a native of Atlanta, was the first colored person to run for federal office in Georgia after reconstruction, in 1920 he made an unsuccessful bid for Congress.

He was graduated from Clark College and received his LL.D. degree from Morris Brown College and his master's degree in political science from the University of Toledo.

He taught Latin and Greek at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, and once worked as a U.S. railway mail clerk. He began law practice in Macon, Ga., in 1918 and came to Toledo in 1923. He also was an ordained AME min-

to Franklin, Va., where he spent his early years. He attended public schools there and was graduated from the Franklin Normal and Industrial Institute in 1908.

HE LATER attended Kittrell College and the University of Cincinnati. He held honorary degrees from Morris Brown College, and Central State College.

Mr. Clarke helped to organize the Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Va. and was its fiest secretary-treasurer.

He began his career in life insurance in 1913 as a salesman and was transferred to Cleveland in 1924.

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FOUR YEARS LATER, he moved to Cincinnati to organize an industrial loan company. While in this position, he was appointed deputy court clerk of Hamilton County, and in 1935 he was appointed an examiner in the state insurance department.

He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Ca-

M. CLARENCE CLARK

tholic Church and its Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Callie Mack Clarke; a sister, Mrs. Viola Jordan of Franklin, Va.; four nieces, Misses Elydia Showell and Janie Rogers of Franklin and Barbara Hall and Mildred Barnes of Cleveland; and a nephew, Elisha Clark of Baltimore.

Ohio insurance executive succumbs

CLEVELAND — M. Clarence Clarke, founder and president of Dunbar Life Insurance Company and president of Quincy Savings and Loan Company died May 9 at the Cleveland Clinic.

Born in Lewiston, N.C., Nov. 10, 1889, he moved with his family

M. C. Clarke

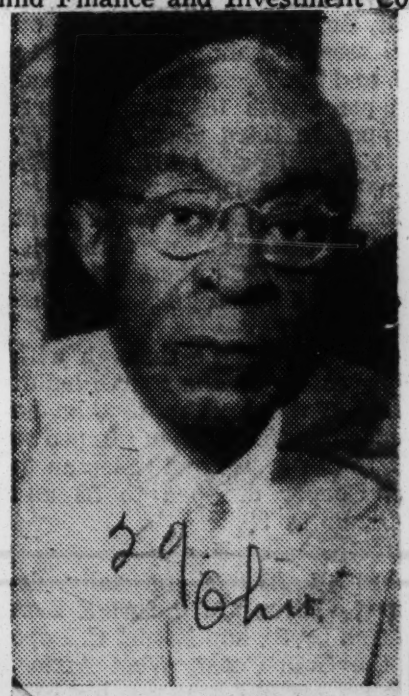
Insurance Prexy Dead

CLEVELAND, Ohio — D. C. Chandler has been named acting president of the Dunbar Life Insurance Company in wake of the death of M. C. Clarke.

The late Mr. Clarke was founder and president of Dunbar Life and president of the Quincy Savings and Loan Company. At the close of 1955, Dunbar Life had assets over $1,250,000 and $10,000,000 worth of insurance in force.

During his presidency the Quincy Savings and Loan Co. increased its assets from $350,000 in 1952 to nearly $2,000,000 in 1955.

MR. CLARKE also held the presidency of the Bardun Mortgage and Investment Company and was a director of the Pyramid Finance and Investment Co.



M. C. CLARKE
.. $10,000,000 worth of insurance

Charles Leander Hill Of Wilberforce U. Is Dead

Sudden End To President Of A.M.E. School

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Dr. Charles Leander Hill, president of Wilberforce university since 1947, died here Saturday, Dec. 8.

Dr. Hill, who was 50 years old, became suddenly ill about two weeks ago while on an airplane en route to attend funeral services for his friend, Dr. A. J. Allen of Cleveland, Ohio. He had to be taken off the plane in Washington.

The Wilberforce president was considered one of the most scholarly men in the A.M.E. church and was a candidate for bishop at the general conference of the church in Miami last May.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 12, on the Wilberforce campus and Thursday, Dec. 13, in Urbana, Ohio.

Dr. Hill was born in Urbana, Ohio, on July 28, 1906.

He was graduated from the Wittenberg college in 1928, magna cum laude and in 1931 received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Hamma Divinity school. He studied philosophy and theology at the University of Berlin in 1931-32 and received his Ph.D. degree in philosophy from Ohio State university in 1938.

Dr. Hill served as Dean of the Turner Theological Seminary of Morris Brown college in Atlanta, Ga., from 1933 to 1944 and from 1944 to 1947 was pastor of the Bethel A.M.E. church in Columbia, S.C. He as named president of Wilberforce in 1947 when the A.M.E. side of the school was separated from the state side to make two institutions. The state part of Wilberforce became the Central State college and Dr. Charles Wesley, former Wilberforce president, became head of the new division.

The historic college, which was operated for many years jointly by the A.M.E. church and the state of Ohio, was split in two over the opposition of church leaders and many Ohio citizens.

Since the split, both Wilberforce and Central State have continued to operate as separate institutions.

In January of this year, Dr. Hill announced the creation of the Wilberforce University Foundation and Development Fund which he called the "greatest single achievement within the 100 years of the existence of the university."

The purpose of the foundation is "to develop and increase the facilities of Wilberforce university by bringing its needs to the attention of potential donors and by encouraging gifts of money, securities, real estate, buildings, books, papers, documents, musuem specimens or any articles of educational or artistic value."

During his nine years as president of the university, Dr. Hill succeeded in stabilizing the situation and brought about improvements in all areas of school activities, according to A.M.E. leaders.

Dr. Hill suffered from high blood pressure. Friends said that overwork and grief over Bishop Allen's death brought on the attack which resulted in his death.

The Wilberforce president was married to Mrs. Rosalie Lloyd Young in 1949.

Final Rites Held For Lovely Una Mae Carlise

JAMESTOWN, Ohio (ANP) — The story of composer-pianist-singer Una Mae Carlisle ended forever on this earth last week as her 72-year-old mother watched her body lowered into the earth here, the victim of a losing battle with cancer.

As the rich earth covered the body, the bright lights which had highlighted the life of Una Mae Carlisle flickered out leaving only her 37 years of life span to be remembered.

Born of a white father and a Cherokee Indian mother, Miss Carlisle was regarded as one of the most beautiful women in the theatre. She is best remembered for the songs she composed, which numerically amount to some 250. Among her tunes which have been constant on the lips of people everywhere are "Walking By The River," "I See A Million People" and "My Wish."

For 17 years Miss Carlisle's star shined brightly in the music world and she grossed more than a million dollars for her songs. She gave night club life the shot in the arm it needed with her singing and excellence of the piano.

She glittered in filmland in such pictures as "Crossroads" "Backstreet", "Secret Heart" and "Big Time America." She blazed across the record world toured the universe and captivated the hearts of millions.

Study at Wilberforce in 1934 and in Paris in 1937 enhanced

her genius and inspired her to write her first song.

Miss Carlisle said her first song was "Moonglow," which she said was stolen from her by one of the best known publishing houses in America. The effect of this, caused her to halt her attempt at song writing, but fortunately, she conquered her mood and decided not to rob the world of her beautiful music poems.

Then, in 1952, at the age of 33, her doctors told her to leave the shimmering lights of her beloved New York and go home...to die.

Her husband, Johnny Bradford, took her to Springfield, Ohio, to her aunt, Mae Jackson who had reared her from 3 months old. She was put in City Hospital where she remained 2 1/2 years with pernicious anemia and underwent numerous operations.

Her weight dropped from 105 to 50 pounds and she hovered close to death. Countless blood transfusions were her lot and finally doctors gave her up. When she left the hospital in June 1955, she attributed the miracle that saved her to the Master. She was up to 102 pounds.

She composed several songs while in the hospital and went to work at the Hanna Lounge in Cleveland upon release from the hospital. She had few friends left by then, and five weeks later she was in New York's Harlem Hospital reeking with pain from cancer.

The last week, she was in pain no more. It was all gone. Life's dream on earth had ended for one of entertainment's most outstanding celebrities.

Dr. Charles L. Hill, Pres. Of Wilberforce Univ. Dies

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Atlanta, Ga.

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — (SNS) — Dr. Charles Leander Hill, president of Wilberforce university died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, at Mercy hospital in Springfield, Ohio, following a short illness. He was 51.

Cause of death was attributed to a "stroke."

Dr. Hill, internationally known educator, first became ill suddenly while he was enroute from a speaking engagment in Washington D. C. on his way to Cleveland to attend the funeral of the late Bishop J. A. Allen, some weeks ago. He was taken from his plane and hospitalized.

Later he was returned to his home in Wilberforce where he was recovering until last Thursday when his condition became worse.

Funeral plans were incomplete late Saturday, however, a spokesman for the family said two services will be conducted sometime this week. The first services are to be held on the campus of Wilberforce university. The next, at his native home, Urbana, Ohio, where burial will take place.

Dr. Hill became president of the university about nine years ago, after leaving Allen university in Columbia, S. C. where he taught three years.

Prior, he was dean and professor of philosophy and ancient language at Turner Theological Seminary at Morris Brown college Atlanta, Ga. about one year.

Dr. Hill, considered one of the World's outstanding scholars, had also held a pastorship at a Methodist church in Mechanicburg, Ohio from 1928 to 1930.

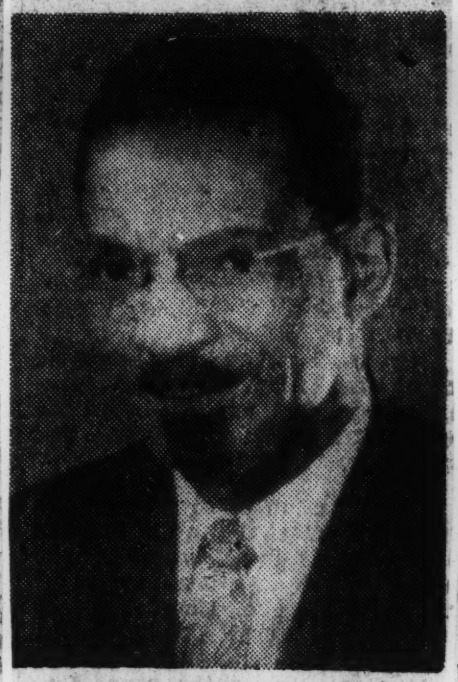
He received his doctorate degree from Ohio State university in 1938, after he had graduated from Witenberg College in Springfield in 1928. He also studied at the University of Berlin, in Germany. His bachelors of divinity degree was received at Hamma Divinity school in Springfield.

His doctor of divinity degree was bestowed upon him by Morris Brown College and his doctor of law degree by Paul Quinn College in Waco, Tex., in 1949.

A member of many learned and educational organizaions, he was a member of American Philosophical Society; American Academy of Political and Social Science; AME Minister's Alliance, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Masons and Alpha Phi Alpha, and others.

He was also an author of several books and contributed largely to many other publications.

Among his survivors is his wife, the former Bessie Lloyd Young.



DR. CHARLES L. HILL

Rites Tuesday for Bishop A. J. Allen

Afro American Sat. 12-1-56

Baltimore, Md.

CLEVELAND—Funeral services have been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon for Bishop Alexander Joseph Allen of the AME Church, who died Nov. 20 of an asthma attack.

He was 69.

Bishop Allen

The Allen family has requested that in lieu of floral offerings, the money be sent to Wilberforce University to establish an A. J. Allen scholarship fund.

Services are to be held from the St. John's AME Church here at 1 o'clock.

Bishop Allen had suffered a lingering illness, but continued actively in his work despite failing health.

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HE WAS stricken suddenly in his residence Tuesday and rushed to a hospital where he died shortly after being admitted.

Assigned to the Fourth Episcopal District last May, he had served the preceding eight years as bishop of the Third Episcopal District; which is comprised of Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania.

The Fourth District embraces Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and part of Canada.

He maintained his episcopal residence in Cleveland.

A native of Columbus, Ga., Bishop Allen entered the clergy in 1911. He was a graduate of Clark College, Atlanta and had pursued further study at the Yale University Divinity School.

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HE HELD honorary degrees from Paul Quinn College, Wilberforce University and Morris Brown College, all connectional schools of the AME Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Jewett Washington Clinton, two sons, J. Wesley Allen and Dr. Griffin Allen of Philadelphia; Samuel Allen of New York and Alexander J. Allen Jr., executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Urban League.

He was an active member of the Cleveland YMCA and Urban League, the Frontiers of America which was founded by his brother, Nimrod B. Allen; and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Pioneer Teacher Dies at Guthrie

Prof. John Lampton, for more than thirty years a member of the faculty at Langston university, died Sunday at the family home in Guthrie at 2 p. m. The attending physician said the deceased suffered from lukemia, which was the cause of his demise. His wife, Mrs. Nell Lampton, was at his bedside when the aged man passed.

The deceased came to Oklahoma in territorial days from Emporia, Kansas, and was for several years principal of the school at Pawnee. He was at one time recognized as one of the best photographers in the state, both during the period when he resided at Boley and Oklahoma City.

During his long service at Langston university, Prof. Lampton served during the administrations of John M. Marquess, I. W. Young, W. T. Hubert, J. W. Sanford and G. Lamar Harrison. He was in the English department.

The deceased, who belonged to the A. M. E. church in Guthrie, had only been home a few days from the hospital, had just told his wife Sunday to wash his face and comb his hair, just before he expired.

Funeral arrangements were not complete Monday afternoon, awaiting arrival of relatives from California.

PROF. JOHN LAMPTON

Funeral Director Norman Lewis Dies Saturday

Worked with Many Civic Groups in Tulsa; Liked Music

Norman W. Lewis

Norman Wendell Lewis, 37, 2508 North Xanthus place, general manager of Jackson's Funeral home, died of a serious illness at his home July 7. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Morning Star Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. T. O. Chappelle, officiating.

As a funeral director, Mr. Lewis' practice of going beyond the call of duty in adding a touch of solicitation to bereaved families was characteristic of his work. He joined the Tulsa firm in March, 1952, as a business partner with the late E. W. Clarke and H. J. Ross.

Born at Ottawa, Kans., Mr. Lewis was graduated from the St. Louis College of Mortuary Science. Afterward he became associated with the Bowser Mortuary of Topeka, Kans. He served in World War II as a first lieutenant in the European Theater.

Shortly after coming to Tulsa Mr. Lewis united with the Morning Star Baptist church. Becoming an integral part of the church, he served as director of the sanctuary choir and the Morning Star radio meditation hour each Sunday.

Persons associated with Mr. Lewis knew the significant role which music played in his life. In addition to his church music affiliations he was an active member of the Tulsa Civic Male Chorus and the Masonic chorus.

The funeral director was an untiring worker with various civic programs among which were the Tulsa Community Chest, Hutcherson Branch YMCA, and Masonic activities. He was a member of Pyramid Lodge No. 69 of the Prince Hall Masons of Oklahoma, Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary fraternity and secretary for the Tulsa Civic Male chorus.

Mr. Lewis was wed to the former Mrs. Juanita Alexander Oliver on June 21, 1954.

He was ordained as a minister May 13, 1956, at Morning Star.

Survivors, in addition to the wife of the home address, are Richard Oliver, stepson; Kirby Alexander, foster son; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Lewis, parents, and Byron Lewis, brother, Topeka, Kans.

Regular and Masonic rites were held for the deceased. The Oklahoma State Funeral Directors and Embalmers were in charge of funeral arrangements. Pyramid Lodge handled Masonic rites. Burial services took place Wednesday at Ottawa, Kans., with the Bowser Mortuary in charge.

Mrs. Zelia N. Breaux, pioneer her, buried

OKLAHOMA CITY—(ANP)—Funeral services were held here Saturday at Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church for Mrs. Zelia N. Breaux, 78, who spent 50 years teaching music at Langston University and Douglass High School here.

Mrs. Breaux died Wednesday in a Guthrie Hospital. She had retired from teaching in 1948 after 30 years as music supervisor at Douglass.

While teaching at Langston, Mrs. Breaux continued to study at the Emil Liebling School of Music in Chicago and received her bachelor and master of music degrees from Northwestern University.

THE PIONEER teacher was born at Jefferson City, Mo., where her father, Inman E. Page, was the first colored president of Lincoln University. She was graduated from that school in 1898, the same year her father became the first president of Langston University.

Widely known and respected for musicianship, Mrs. Breaux directed the popular Zelia N. Breaux Community band for several years before and after her retirement from the Oklahoma City public schools.

In 1953 she became the first person to receive the Vilena P. Cutler award given by the Urban League of Oklahoma City. This honor is bestowed once every five years "for meritorious and outstanding service in human relations and the general welfare of Oklahoma City."

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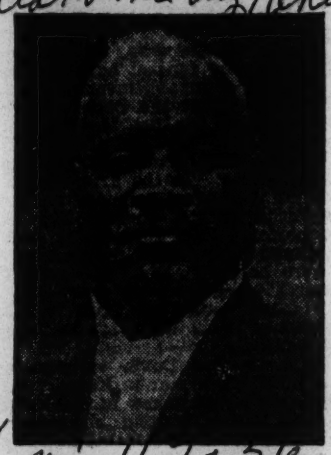
THE GYMNASIUM of the Fourth Street YMCA is named in honor of Mrs. Breaux. For many years she purchased blocks of student tickets for the Oklahoma City Symphony so colored youths could attend the seasonal concerts.

Surviving are one son, Inman E. Breaux, physical education director at Langston; two grand sons, Inman Breaux Jr., and Barry Breaux, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elwyn Breaux, a former Fisk University homecoming queen.

Rev. Thompson Dead At 77



Bishop E. L. Thompson, 77, founder of the first Church of God in Christ in Oklahoma, and senior bishop of Southeastern Oklahoma since 1947, died at 2:20 a. m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in St. Francis hospital in Holdenville. He had been in poor health since last spring.

Bishop Thompson came to Oklahoma in 1912 from Malvern, Ark., and organized the first Church of God in Christ in the state at Rentiesville. He later served a pastorate at Ada, Eufaula, Wetumka, Weleetka and Oklahoma City where he built the Fair Ground church in 1948. In all, he built ten churches throughout the state.

Bishop Thompson served 20 years as state treasurer until 1947, when he was appointed bishop, the post he held at the time of his death. He organized and entertained the first Oklahoma State convention in Rentiesville in 1917. He served as one of the first state district superintendents of the church, the Ada district. He built Thompson's State Temple, 1010 N. E. 2nd street, Oklahoma City, which houses the state headquarters.

Bishop Thompson ordained most of the ministers now pastoring the Church of God in Christ de-

nomination in Oklahoma. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Thompson, of Wetumka; two brothers, Elder J. W. Thompson of Rentiesville and Elder M. M. Thompson of Muskogee; a sister, Mrs. Susie Coleman, of Kansas City, Kans., and many other relatives.

The body will lie in state from 6 p .m. Wednesday to 9 a. m. Thursday in the Fairground Church of God in Christ, 6th and Jordan.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 10 a. m. Thursday from the Temple. Officiating at the service are Bishop V. M. Barker of Missouri, Bishop Charles Pleas of Kansas, and Bishop C. B. Brown of Oklahoma City.

Interment will be at Wetumka after a short service conducted in the public school at 3 p. m.

Funeral arrangements by Spiller mortuary, Wetumka.

Wife Of Dr. Ira Reid Passes

Daily World Atlanta Ga.

HAVERFORD, Pa. — Gladys Scott Reid, wife of Dr. Ira De A. Reid, Professor of Sociology at Haverford College, died (Saturday, June 16) at Bryn Mawr Hospital after a long illness. Mrs. Reid was 59 years old. The Reids live on the Haverford College campus.

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Mrs. Reid was born in Xenia, Ohio, the only child of Charles and Florence Scott. She took her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1919 and her Master of Arts from Teacher's College, Columbia University in 1932. She taught home economics in the New York public school system from 1928 to 1939.

Mrs. Reid was a member of the Haverford Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, of the American Association of University Women, and of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a thirteen-year- old daughter, Enid H., and by her father, Charles H. Scott of Xenia, Ohio.

Internment will take place today, June 19 at 11 A. M. in Silver Creek Cemetery in Jamestown, Ohio. A memorial service for Mrs. Reid will be held in the Fall at the Haverford Meeting.

Dr. Taylor dies at age of 82

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Date 12-1-56

PHILADELPHIA

Dr. Paul J. Taylor, practicing physician in Philadelphia for a half a century, died on Nov. 16, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John T. Ramsey. He was a native of Lynchburg, Va., Dr. Taylor graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

Baltimore, Md.

He was four times president of the Philadelphia Academy of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

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HE SERVED on the medical staffs of the Out-Patient Department, and the Department of Diseases of the Chest, at the Jefferson Hospital.

Dr. Taylor was a member of the medical staff of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Geneva Taylor; a daughter, Mrs. John T. Ramsey; a son, Dr. Thomas J. Taylor; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Frances and Mrs. Daniel Carter, all of Philadelphia.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were held Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Chew Funeral Home with the Rev. Noah H. Moore Jr., pastor of Tindley Temple Methodist Church where Dr. Taylor served as a steward, officiating.

Also participating in the services were the Rev. James Kirkland of Union Baptist Church; and Dr. Taylor's nephew, the Rev. Young Trigg, retired pastor of Salem Baptist Church in NYC.

The body was interred at Eden Cemetery.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Second President's Widow

Mrs. Wilkinson, 86, Dies on S. C. Campus

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ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Mrs. Marian Raven Birnie Wilkinson, 86, widow of Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, second president of South Carolina State College from 1911 until his death in 1932, died at her home here.

Surviving the deceased are two brothers, Dr. James H. Birnie, Atlanta, and Dr. Richard Birnie, New York; two sons and two daughters, Dr. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, physician and surgeon; Dr. Frost Birnie Wilkinson, dentist; Miss Lula L. Wilkinson, social worker, all of New York City, and Mrs. Helen R. Wilkinson Sheffield, professor of chemistry, South Carolina State College.

Her grandson, Capt. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, is now serving on the medical staff of the armed forces in Germany.

Mrs. Wilkinson was born in Charleston, S. C., and was graduated with high honors from Avery Institute, Charleston, S. C. Until the time of her death, Mrs. Wilkinson served as head of the boarding department of the college.

For a number of years, Mrs. Wilkinson was the president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

She was directly responsible for the recreation centers for Negro soldiers at Camp Jackson during World War I and the day room in Orangeburg during World War II.

Funeral services were conducted from St. Paul's P. E. Church by the Rev. Thomas S. Tisdale and interment was at Orangeburg Cemetery.

A Great Scholar Answers The Final Call

The death of Charles Spurgeon Johnson, President of Fisk University, is an irreparable loss to the institution, to the increasingly shrinking community of true scholars and to the world.

Dr. Johnson was not only a scholar in the familiar connotation of the word, he was also a great teacher, an inspiring leader and a restless searcher after the truth.

His voluminous writings reveal a clearly articulated social philosophy. He was not an improviser but a brilliant, cogent thinker; a tactician as well as a theorist. Yet he had a constant sense of historical perspective.

He knew that we were living on the thin edge of history; he had no illusions about an individual's capacity to rule the forces of the historical process. Far more than many of his contemporaries he was aware of his relation to the upsurging movements of American democracy, and of the strength and purposes of the opposing forces.

Above all his role has been that of the educator-sociologist who has had an enormous influence in changing the premises of popular thinking and sociological discussion.

In one of his most recent and brilliant articles in the September issue of the New York Times Magazine analyzing the multiple aspects of the present crusade for human rights, he said, in what those who knew him could identify as the spirit of the late Prof. Robert Park, his teacher and friend:

"Basically, this is a struggle today not between North and South, or whites and Negroes, or between the national and international points of view. It is a struggle between those who believe in democracy and those who do not."

He never forgot in his investigations, that men have a cultural heritage which furnishes the optic through which they see the world and which shapes the facts they recognize and that this social heritage is an intricate mixure of reason and unreason.

Again, demonstrating the breadth of his scholarship and power of observation, he pointed out in an excellent address delivered, March 16, 1956, before the Convocation of Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education, at Stillwater, Oklahoma, that, "science and technology are increasingly affecting the social issues of our time, and knowledge of their workings is an almost inescapable obligation of citizenship."

Johnson became most alarmed at the extreme southern doctrine that segregation was the natural condition of the Negro people. He knew that we acquire the stature of men through communication with others and through participation in a common life.

He threw into the struggle all the resources of his mind—his amazing intellectual acumen, his persuasiveness, his mastery of the details and refinements of sociological theories, his unwavering sense of values, his eminently precise and constructive imagination.

Equipped with every weapon of information, he was a terrifying opponent to encounter. But if he spared no one else, he was most ruthless with himself. He worked indefatigably. He sacrificed his obvious interests. He dedicated himself with a monastic fervor to what he conceived to be the service of the public.

His ideal of citizenship was Periclean, but he pursued it with a religious intensity that was medieval. He will be remembered also as a man who, without being of the people, was able to come near them. He was a scholar, an artist and a great master of words and he was able to grasp and to some degree communicate what the common man dimly felt.

The world, a French cynic remarked, is divided between the vast majority of people who ought never to have been born and the very rare few who ought never to die. Charles Johnson was one of those few.

Heart Attack Fatal To Noted Educator

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Special) — Dr Charles S Johnson, president of Fisk University, fell dead here of a heart a tack Saturday night, October 27.

The internationally known educator, sociologist and author was stricken in Union Station and pronounced dead on arrival at Louisville's General Hospital. He died almost 10 years after being elected.

Dr Johnson who was 63 years old, had left the train to purchase a newspaper and was returning to his car when he collasped. He was enroute to New York from Nashville to attend a meeting of the Fisk trustee board.

Members of the family said Dr Johnson was in apparent good health when he left Nashville. He had no previous history of heart trouble, they said.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Fisk University Chapel.

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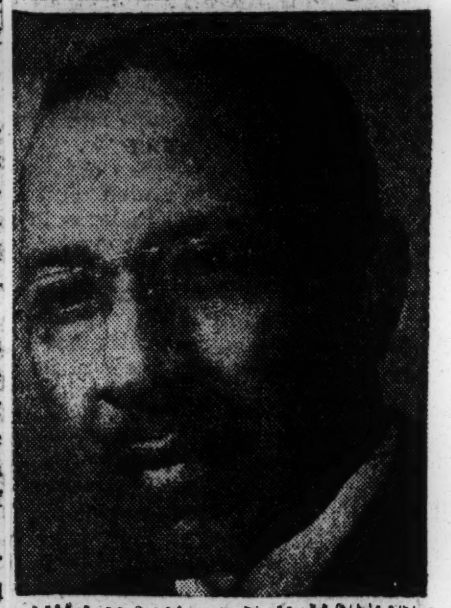

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tion, and last year was elected president of the UNESCO conference on race and race relations. He also served on several presidential commissions.

He was a director of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, a past president of the Southern Sociological Society, a member of the executive committee of the American Sociological Society, to name but a few of the many posts of high responsibility he held.

President Johnson was awarded honorary doctorates by Virginia Union University, his alma mater; Howard University, Harvard University; the University of Glasgow (Scotland) anl Lincoln University of Pe nsylvania.

He is survived by Marie Antoinette Burgette Johnson, his wife; hree sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

Charles Spurgeon Johnson

Afro-American Sat. 11-10-56

Death came Saturday to Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, 63, president of Fisk University. Baltimore Md.

It was more than significant that the end came in a railroad station while he was en route back to Nashville from a New York meeting of the Fisk board of trustees. P.4

For. Dr. Johnson lived a full, a busy and a useful life.

He was a social scientist and an educator. But above all he was a citizen of the world. 29 Lenn

The many demands upon his time, his counsel and his superior intellect kept him constantly on the move from Monrovia to Montgomery, from Paris to Poughkeepsie, from Chicago to Copenhagen.

President Hoover called upon him to serve as one of three League of Nations delegates to report on labor conditions in Liberia.

President Truman appointed him as one of ten American delegates to the first session in Paris of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Selected as rapporteur at the session, he is generally credited as the author of UNESCO's program for social science development.

President Eisenhower chose him as the only member of color on the National Manpower Commission, empowered to study means for full utilization of the nation's labor resources.

General Douglas MacArthur utilized his services to advise on the reorganization of Japan's educational system.

And it was in 1946 that Fisk University chose him as its first colored president, a position he filled with unusual distinction.

Harvard University, which conceded the famed Booker T. Washington only an honorary master of arts degree, conferred upon Dr. Johnson the degree of doctor of laws.

He was also awarded honorary doctorates by his alma mater, Virginia Union, Howard and Columbia universities and in 1952 had the distinction of being the first colored American to be given this degree by the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

During the ten years of his administration at Fisk, he was able to erect four new buildings, including a gymnasium, a basic college house, Scriber Hall and Park Hall.

In addition he saw four new faculty homes and an art gallery added to the Nashville campus.

He was able to increase Fisk's endowment by a million and one-half dollars and upped the school's annual educational budget by more than $150,000.

One of his regrets and ours was that he didn't live to see his brand new concept of a basic college education come into fruition.

Just inaugurated this September, his dream is as revolutionary as was the Great Books curriculum of a generation ago.

He held directorships with the American Cancer Society, the Rosenwald Fund, the American Missionary Association, the Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act, the John Hay Whitney Foundation, the National Urban League and membership in many, many other organizations.

After the discussion on many of these boards and commissions, he was always the man designated to write the report.

The marvel was that he found time to write 18 books, plus 70 pamphlets and numerous speeches, essays and professional articles, still carry on his work at Fisk and serve as director, on executive boards and as a member of 48 different sectional, national and international organizations.

He was a solid citizen to the right of center, an accepted mediator between white and colored people, who worked zealously to find scientific solutions to racial questions that would preserve the dignity of both sides.

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Kansas City Sun

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Charles S. Johnson

Post & Times Herald

The lifelong efforts of Dr. Charles S. Johnson to advance and improve the welfare of his fellow-Negroes rendered an invaluable and enduring service to the whole American community. Few individuals have done so much to bridge the chasm between the races created by a long and rigid pattern of segregation. As a social scientist, as an ardent worker for the National Urban League and the Julius Rosenwald Fund, as a representative of the State Department abroad and as the first Negro president of Fisk University, he devoted his adult life to a sensitive, patient interpretation of Negroes to their white fellow-Americans and of white persons to their colored countrymen. He was an educator of insight, understanding and compassion. His sudden and untimely death is peculiarly a loss to the Nation at a time when his dream of universal human equality is at last burgeoning into realization.

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Tuskegee Librarian Notes Mark Made On Nation By Dr. Johnson

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President, Fisk University, who collapsed while waiting for a train in Louisville, Ky., upon returning from a business trip to New York City, was one of the Country's most beloved humanitarians according to M. D. Sprague, Librarian, Tuskegee Institute who also made the following comments about his career:

"Charles Spurgeon Johnson was a man of multiple abilities and innumerable achievements. The promise he manifested as a boy began to find realization when he was still a very young man.

After leaving the University of Chicago, where he had studied under Robet E. Park," the father of American sociology," he created and directed the research and investigations of the Chicago Urban League from 1915 to 1919. Dr. Park, incidentally, regarded him as the finest student he ever had, and it is significant that Dr. Park spent his last years at Fisk University in collaboration with his favorite protege.

In 1921 he became director of research and investigations of the National Urban League. In 1923 he found **Opportunity**, the magazine that exerted a tremendous influence on the development of Negro expression in literature, art, and music.

Upon Dr. Park's urging, he went to Fisk University in 1928 to direct the Department of Social Sciences. He made of his department one of the primary centers of research in American sociology and attracted to this institution many of the leading sociologists of our time.

Dr. Johnson was a superb and inspiring teacher. Many of the most able younger sociologists of this country today are the products of his fruitful tutelege. In 1946 he became the first Negro president of Fisk University. Under his direction Fisk experienced the wisest leadership and a remarkable upsurge of influence and growth.

Dr. Johnson was an unusually productive scholar. He was the author of many articles and books. Among the latter are such outstanding studies as Shadow of the Plantation. Growing up in the Black Belt, Patterns of Negro Segregation, To Stem This Tide and Negro in American Civilization.

It is utterly impossible to enumerate Dr. Johnson's achievements. He was called upon by scholars, by foundations and other philanthropic organizations, by race relations and religious groups, and by the government. In our time no one has contributed more to the evolution of sane and clearly focused attitudes towards race relations. He was everywhere respected and admired, even by those who were unable to share his views.

Dr. Johnson was always and instinctively, a gentleman of great culture. Urbane, witty, charming, gracious, he was a kindly and considerate man who somehow invariable found time to advance the careers and causes of friend and opponent alike. He was honest and forthright, and had the uncommon ability to say the truth in a way that phrase, that is often misapplied, a "truly great American." His death is our nations irreparable loss."

Dr. Charles Johnson Dies; Headed Fisk U., on Unesco

Herald Tribune New York

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 28 (AP). — Dr. Charles S. Johnson, sixty-three, leader in the field of race relations and president of Fisk University, Nashville, died here yesterday of a heart attack. The Negro educator was stricken in Union Station minutes after he left a train. He died en route to a hospital. Dr. Johnson, former United States delegate to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was returning to Nashville from a trip.

Mon. 10-29-56

Son of a Slave

The son of an emancipated slave, Dr. Johnson was the first Negro to be named president of Fisk, an interracial university founded as a Negro institution in 1866. Earlier, he had been a Fisk faculty member for eighteen years, and it was largely through his efforts that the nationally known Fisk Institute of Race Relations came into being.

Dr. Johnson was graduated from Virginia Union University in 1917 and in the following year received a Ph. B. degree from the University of Chicago. After service in World War I, he served for two years on the Chicago Commission on Race Relations before becoming director of research and investigations of the National Urban League in New York in 1921. He came to Fisk in 1928.

On School Integration

A keen observer and commentator on interracial problems, Dr. Johnson wrote the following on the school integration issue in a newspaper article last month:

"Basically, this is a struggle today not between North and South, or whites and Negroes, or between the national and international points of view. It is a struggle between those who believe in democracy and those who do not."

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson

Dr. Johnson was the author of numerous books, including "Patterns of Negro Segregation" and "The Negro in American Civilization." He was a member of the Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act and of the President's Commission on Health Needs of the Nations.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Burgette Johnson; three sons, Dr. Robert B., Jeh V. and Dr. Charles S. Johnson jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Clifford; a brother, Maurice Johnson, and three sisters, Mrs. Lily Epps, Mrs. Sarah Hawks and Miss Julia Johnson.

Dr. Charles Johnson, Fisk U. Head, Buried

Journal Sat. 11-3-56

Wilmington, N.C.

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Dr. Johnson served his nation in many capacities. He was a member of the international commission of the League of Nations to investigate slavery and forced labor in Liberia. After World War II, he was appointed to the commission charged with reorganizing the educational system of Japan along democratic lines. He was American delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and last year was elected president of UNESCO conference on race and race relations. He also served on several presidential commissions.

He was also a director of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, a past president of the Southern Sociological Society, a member of the executive committee of the American Sociological Society, to name but a few of the many posts of high responsibility which he held.

President Johnson was awarded honorary doctorates by Virginia Union University, his alma mater, Howard University, Harvard University, the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.

He is survived by Marie Antoinette Burgette Johnson, his wife, three sons, one daughter, three sisters and five grandchildren.

Nation Pays Final Tribute To Fisk President Johnson, One of Greatest Educators

By VICTOR GRANT BACKUS

Nashville, Tenn.—The nation last week paid final tribute to one of the greatest educators that America has produced.

People from all walks of life and from all sections of the country filled Fisk Memorial Chapel here last Wednesday for the funeral of Dr. Charles S. Johnson. High government officials, university and college presidents, heads of foundations, well-known industrialists—the great names of the nation joined hundreds of anonymous friends of the Fisk University president in homage to the fallen leader, who died suddenly in Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 27.

Service to Nation

Nine speakers, who had worked closely with Dr. Johnson, spoke eloquently of his national and international status as a scholar and administrator, of his humanitarianism and devotion to his fellow man, of his service to his nation and his race, and of his friendship.

Voicing the silent testimony of those who filled the flower-banked chapel were Leonard M. Rieser, Chicago attorney who heads the Fisk trustee board; William J. Trent, executive director of the United Negro College Fund;- Thomas Elsa Jones, former Fisk president whom Dr. Johnson succeeded in 1946; the Rev. William J. Faulkner, former dean of Fisk chapel; Fred L. Brownlee, former Fisk provost; Louis P. Clark, president of the university's alumni association; Prince Rivers, student council president; Henry H. Hill, president of Peabody College here, and George N. Redd, Fisk dean.

Matching the tributes of the speakers were telegrams and letters to the bereaved family numbering in the thousands.

President Writes

President Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote Dr. Johnson's widow, "I know you must take pride, as do I and millions of Americans, in Dr. Johnson's great contribution to our country."

Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for the presidency, wrote, "As a scholar and administrator he contributed immeasurably to the great advances in tolerance and mutual understanding which have occurred in recent decades."

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, wired, "His sudden passing is an irreparable loss to the entire nation."

Sore Loss

Ralph J. Bunche, UN under-secretary, said, "His nation and his race have suffered a sore loss at the very time when his qualities of wisdom, reason and unfailing courage are most needed.

Henry R. Luce, president of Time-Life, Inc., wrote, "I pay tribute to him as a great man."

John Hay Whitney, president of the Whitney Foundation, wired, "His contribution to the world was truly great."

Among the messages from presidents and heads of foreign nations is one signed simply, "Gillie, his barber." It reads, "I am sincerely grieved by the passing of my friend." It indicates eloquently the regard in which Charles Spurgeon Johnson was held by all who knew him, both great and small.

For Races to Grow in Understanding

(From The Christian Science Monitor)

If there has been any one great need in American race relations it has been that each race grow in the understanding of the other. It is doubtful whether anyone has contributed more toward this end than did Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson throughout his career as the first Negro president of Fisk University and as a scholarly writer and publicist.

He likely has contributed more to this understanding than could have a white counterpart. For in the majority-minority relationship it has been especially important that the white man shall gain insight into the Negro group and the Negro gain understanding of himself.

Few testimonials could be more eloquent than the front-page position and two solid columns of space devoted to Dr. Johnson's achievements by a Nashville newspaper when, supposedly, recognition of Negro leadership is unpopular in the South.

Less in immediate focus has been the national and international recognition given him by Presidents from Hoover to Truman and by universities from Columbia to Glasgow.

At a time sorely needing biracial interpretation the loss of Dr. Johnson's moral and intellectual leadership will be felt. His influence, however, will persist through what he has done and written and through the great educational institution with which he has been so long associated.

Capacity Crowd In Memorial Chapel For Notable Funeral

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President Of Fisk University For Past Ten Years Suffers Heart Attack; Dies Suddenly In Louisville, Ky.—Famous Leader Was Going To New York To Attend Semi-Annual Meeting Of Trustee Board; Veteran Of World War I; Served Here 28 Years

All thats was mortal of Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery late Wednesday afternoon of this week, following an hour and a half funeral services in historic Fisk University Memorial Chapel

Dr. Johnson, the first member of his race chosen as president of the 90 year old, world-famous university, had given approximately ten of the best years of his life in notable service as the president of the university when he was called from labor to reward.

It was on Saturday of last week, while Dr. Johnson was on his way to New York to attend a semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of Fisk, when he suffered a heart attack at the Union Station, 10th and Broadway in Louisville, Ky., and died shortly afterward.

News of the noted educator's death was spread throughout the nation by radio and daily newspapers in minutes after it happened. The high standing Dr. Johnson held in the nation, could not be better illustrated than to quote a telegram received shortly after his death by his bereaved widow. It was as follows:

PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAM

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I am greatly distressed to learn this afternoon of the death of your distinguished husband. There is little I can say that can comfort you at this time, but I do know you must take pride, as do I and millions of Americans in Dr. Johnson's great contribution to our country.

With deep sympathy to you in which Mrs. Eisenhower joins.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

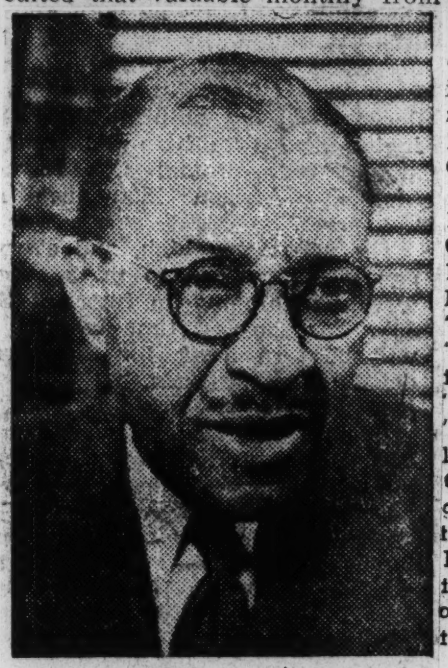
It was literally true, as President Eisenhower pointed out that "millions of Americans" take pride in the contributions Dr. Johnson made to the welfare of his country. Born in Bristol, Virginia on July 24, 1893, he was 63 years, 3 months and 3 day of age when his summons, "servant of God well done" came. But Dr. Johnson was much older than 63 years when his life span is measured by the formula of the poet who said: "We live in deeds, not in years." Dr. Johnson had of a necessity crowded ever so many hours and days into a life, kept busy because of his great talents for rendering public service and by calls made upon him for using them.

Dr. Johnson was at the zenith of his notable career and apparently well and hearty when he died so suddenly. Mrs. Johnson stated that he had not been a sufferer from heart trouble in the past. For that reason his sudden death was a shock to his wife, his children as well as to his relatives and the general public.

A soldier in World War I, in which he saw combat service in the Meuse, Argonne offensive, at the close of the war he was a Regimental Sergeant Major in the 803rd Pioneer Infantry, and later was appointed to the position which afforded him the opportunity to demonstrate his talents in race relations. He was named Associated Executive Secretary of Chicago's Commission on Race Relations, created by the governor of Illinois. He took a conspicuous part in helping to bring about better race relations in Chicago, following the terrible race riot that took place there right after World War I.

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Later he became the founder of OPPORTUNITY, official organ of the National Urban League and edited that valuable monthly from



DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

1921 to 1928, when he was chosen Director of the Department of Social Science at Fisk University.

The high calibre of work done by the able science teachers who were associated with Dr. Johnson, together with his own addresses and writings afforded Dr. Johnson another big opportunity for public service and a chance to make use of the valuable contact he had made with notable leaders of both races while he was the editor of OPPORTUNITY magazine and an official of the National Urban League. Under Dr. Johnson's guidance and leadership the Department of Social Science at Fisk became a national and even international center for social research, attracting some of the nation's foremost social scientists and a group of dedicated students, many of whom have since made outstanding reputations.

From the position of Director of Social Science, Dr. Johnson was elevated to the presidency of Fisk University in 1946, when he succeeded President Thomas Elsa Jones, to become the first colored president in the history of the university.

In the ten years of his presidency Fisk University made remarkable prograss along many lines. Without sacrificing any of the ideals for which Fisk University has stood from the time it was established, Dr. Johnson wa able to do much in promoting better "race relations," largely because he avoided the extremes of radicalism as a speaker and writer and took the road of progressive conservatism as the better way of life.

WROTE MANY BOOKS

Beginning with his "The Negro in Chicago," in 1922, Dr. Johnson wrote important books as follows: **:;'Ebony and Topaz" in 1927, "Race Relations," 1934; "The Collapse of Cotton Tenancy," in 1934, The "Negro in American Civilization," in 1930; "Report of the International Commission on Slavery and Forced Labor in Liberia," 1931; "The Economic Status of Negroes," 1933; "Shadow of the Plantation," 1934; "Negro Housing," 1932; "A Preface to Racial Understanding," in 1936; "The Negro College Graduate," 1938 "Growing Up in the Black Belt," 1941; "Statistical Atlas of Souther. Counties 941; "Patterns of Negro Segregation," 19:3; "To Stem the Tide," in 1943; "Culture and the Educational Process," 1943; "Into the Main Stream," 1947; and was one of the editors of Race and Culture in 1950.**

Amor the honors awarded Dr. Johnson were the following: Certificate for his work in race relations by the CIO; citation for meritorious service by the University of Chicago; The Russwurm Award for Public Service from the Negro Newspaper Publishers Assoication; Certificate of Recognition from the National Urbaan League, The Social Action Churchmanship Award; Certificate of merit from the Chicago Defender and was elected by the Newspaper-Radio Guid as "Man of the Year" in Nashville, 1954; degree of Doctor of Letters by his Alma Mater, Virginia Union University in 1928; degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Howard University in 1941; degree of Dictor of Letters, Columbia University in 1947; degree of Doctor of Laws, Harvard University, in 1948; degree of Doctor of Laws, University of Glasgo, Scotland, in 1952; degree of Doctor of Laws, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, 1955; degree of Doctor of Laws, Central State College, 1956. He has been appointed on commissions by President Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. He received the Harmon Award for distinguished achievement among Negroes in the field of science in 1930.

HIS FORMAL EDUCATION

He received his formal education at Wayland Academy, Virginia Union University and at University of Chicago, where he pursued graduate study in the field of sociology.

The crowd which attended the funeral of Dr. Johnson on Wednesday afternoon of this week, completely filled Fisk Memorial Chapel, while many persons had viewed the remains of the distinguished educator during the morning hours, while they lay in state in the chapel.

The services began at 3:30 with the playing of appropriate organ music by Arthur L. Crowley. Dr. William Lloyd Ime former president of Knoxville College and now dean of chapel at Fisk, served as master of ceremonies, read the scripture and prayed. Tributes were paid by Le d R. Rieser, chairman of the Board of Trustees. William J. Trent, executive director United Negro College Fund and Louis P. Clarke, president of the Fisk General Alumni Association.

The Fisk choir, under the direction of Harry Evon Mergen, sang the anthem "How Blest Are They," after which other tributes were paid by President H. H. Hill of Peabody College; Dr. George N. Redd, Dean of Fisk University and Prince Rivers President of the Fisk Student Council.

The eulogies were delivered by the Rev. William J. Faulkner, pastor Park Manor Congregational Church in Chicago and former Dean of Chapel at Fisk; by Fred L. Brownlee former General Secretary, American Missionary Association and Fisk University Provost and by Dr. Thomas Elsa Jones, President of Earlham College, of Earlham, Ind., and former President of Fisk University.

EULOGIES AT FUNERAL

A solo, "Crossing the Bar," was sung by Roy Petty, baritone, and as the closing musical number the Fisk choir sang, "Balm in Gilead." The benediction was given by Dr. Imes.

All of the 32 members of the Fisk University Trustee Board were chosen as honorary pallbearers and the following faculty members were active pallbearers: Arna Bontemps, Isiah T. Creswell, Theodole S. Currier, W. Dickerson Donnelly, Aaron Douglas, Herman H. Long, Preston Valien and Donald W. Wyatt.

William Gunter and Sons and Patton Brothers had charge of the funeral arrangements.

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DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

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The recent passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University removes from the ranks of the powerful educators of his day, a man of profound educational stamina, a brilliant author in his own right, and one of the top authorities in things educational of his generation.

Having been born in Virginia just before the turn of the century, through his native industry and thrift, he was able to acquire such training as would fit him for one of the technical places in the field of educational demands.

While contributing his earlier years in the field of such social services as came in to fill the wide gap of the wilful alienation of people, he was later to enter into the full arena of rounding out men in the fruitage of training and the technique of leadership. To this end he was called to Fisk where he became the first of our racial group to head up that important institution.

The Alma Mater of so many tall statues on the frontier of leadership and enviable accomplishments, naturally Fisk would be firmly fixed in the eyes of the nation. Such a fountainhead in these trying times would demand in its personnel such a superb leader, organizer and financier as to measure up to those delicate and rigid requirements necessary for the holding of Fisk to her native balance.

Dr. Johnson filled this requirement and Fisk never enjoyed a more peaceful nor a more prosperous era.

After giving his best efforts and years to the cause of Fisk and Fiskites, Dr. Johnson died as he would have liked; in harness, struggling for Fisk. At the time he fell, he was on his way to New York to meet his trustees.

He literally died with his boots on, in the line of service with the honored old flag of Fisk- — warm in his hand, with staff up — and the old banner full a-float.

The nation, the race and liberal education lose patriot of the first water, an unselfish leader of men and a resourceful and prolific student of his time.

Adlai In Tribute To Dr. Johnson

By ALFRED DUCKETT

ENROUTE WITH STEVENSON, Cleveland, Ohio — Adlai took time out from the busy last hours of his campaign here Friday to thank the mother of Emmett Till for her support of the Democratic party and to pay tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson, recently-deceased president of Fisk university.

In a wire to Mrs. Mamie Bradley in Chicago, the Democratic presidential nominee said:

"Your kind statement indicating your support of the Democratic candidates has come to my attention. I want to thank you for it. You may be certain that Estes Kefauver and I are dedicated to the all-important realization of the democratic rights and guaranteeing the protection of all citizens.

"Thank you again for your valuable support."

In an exclusive Chicago Defender story recently, Mrs. Bradley stated as one of the reasons for supporting the Democrats the fact that when her son Emmett was slain in Money, Miss., her appeals to President Eisenhower didn't receive "even the courtesy of a reply."

Concerning the death of Dr. Johnson, to whose family he sent a personal message of condolence, Mr. Stevenson said in a special statement for the press:

"I wish to express to his family, his colleagues and his fellow Americans my deep regret concerning the death of Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, the late president of Fisk university.

"Dr. Johnson made outstanding contributions to our culture as one of the leading sociologists of his time, as a thoughtful writer and lecturer. His brilliant service as a UNESCO delegate placed America and the world in his debt.

"I am particularly touched since only a few days ago, I received from Dr. Johnson a wire expressing his interest in my proposals for breaking the deadly arms race by seeking ways of halting the explosion of the H-bomb.

"Like so many other fine scholars, Dr. Johnson was intensely concerned with the great question of peace. His career was a shining example for the young and aspiring of America."

Knoxville educator dies at age 73

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Dr. David K. Cherry, dean emeritus, Knoxville College, were held at First United Presbyterian Church, Friday. Dr. John Brice, interim pastor, officiated.

Interment was in Knoxville's National Cemetery with Lillison-Mills Funeral Directors in charge.

Dr. Cherry, 73, died at Veterans Hospital, Johnson City. He had been at the hospital since last spring after he had a stroke. The veteran educator was born to Wright and Malida Cherry in the farming community of Cremo, N.C.

At an early age, he left the farm and went to Eliazbeth City, N.C., to complete his education. He held three jobs simultaneously to meet expenses while earning a bachelor of arts degree from Wilberforce College with honor and distinction.

DR. CHERRY later received the bachelor of philosophy and master of arts degrees from the University of Chicago. He completed course requirements for the doctor of philosopny degree at Ohio State University and had studied further at the University of Boreaux in France.

The "leader of young people" was mathematics instructor at A. and T. College for 17 years; acting dean and professor of education at State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N.C., 1928-29; president of Kittrell College, 1929-32;

Professor of education, Knoxville College, 1932 dean 1943-54; dean of administration, 1954-55.

The Knoxville College board of trustees presented him with the honorary doctor of laws degree upon retirement.

Dr. Cherry served as a captain during World War I. He was a member of various educational organizations, YMCA groups, Boy Scouts of America and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Masons.

AMERICAN Legion Post 80 conducted graveside services. Other funeral program participants were the Rev. R. H. Reid, J. David Kelly, Charles E Morton, Dr. J. L. Cary, the Rev. L. A. Alexander and Knoxville College choir, conducted by Dr. Newell C. Fitzpatrick.

Active pallbearers were Kenneth Brown, Lee L. Campbell, Franklin Dees, James G. McGinnis, John Johnson, and M. D. Senter.

Honorary pallbearers were J. G. Beck, James A. Colston, J. H. Daves, Thomas G. Perry, William Rodeman, and O. B. Taylor.

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SURVIVORS include his wife, Mrs. Irene Cherry, home; daughter, Mrs. Marie T. Williams, Chicago;

Six sisters, Mesdames Symera Hoggard, Newark, N.J.; Clara Cherry, Washington; Malinda Hoggard, Norfolk, Va.; Mariah Newsome, Ahoskie, N.C.; Hattie Taylor, Windsor, N.C. and Sallie Boone, Roducah, N.C.;

Two brothers, Wright Cherry of Portsmouth, N.C. and Thomas Cherry of Norfolk, Va., and other relatives.

Faculty Member

Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Brown

By MABEL B. CROOKS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Milbra Wells Brown, retired teacher and librarian of Tennessee State University, who died Friday, Sept. 14, were held last week in the University auditorium.

The remains lay in state before the hour-long services. Dr. William J. Simmons, university minister officiated.

The deceased, who was retired in 1951, accepted a position in the school when it opened in 1912 and is said to have served in more different capacities than any other faculty member in the history of the school. She is credited with playing a major role in bringing the institution's library from a meager beginning to its present well-stocked recently built modern structure.

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A NASHVILLE native, Mrs. Brown was graduated from Fisk

MRS. MARTHA BROWN
. . . librarian succumbs

University and Hampton Institute's library school.

Surviving are: three nephews, Nelson J., Charles and Joseph Anderson, all of Chicago; a niece, Mrs. Milbra Adams Pope, Philadelphia, Pa.; three aunts, Mrs. Jennie Cheatham Lee, Nashville; Mrs. Nora L. Cheatham, St. Louis, and Mrs. Alice A. Cheatham, Nashville; sister-in-law, Mrs. Ella B. Anderson, Britsol, Tenn.; three cousins, Dr. M. N. Cheatham Jr., Chicago; Adolphus A. Cheatham, New York City; Mrs. Lenora J. Wilson, Joliet, Ill., and Mrs. Vivian C. Peacock, Chicago.

FISK'S FIRST PRESIDENT

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, who died suddenly at Louisville on Saturday, stood on a great bridge of interpretation between the white and Negro races. Before he became the first Negro president of Fisk in 1946 he, had served for eighteen years on the faculty of that university, which is endowed with a unique symbolism in interracial interpretation.

Jubilee Hall on the campus of Fisk at Nashville is the tangible symbol. It was built with funds raised by a group of students of Fisk who in 1871 started on a tour singing the songs their mothers had taught them. They packed churches in New York and went on to Europe to triumphs on the concert stage, from which they returned with enough money to build a new hall at the poor Negro university they had left. As the chorus from these meistersingers of the Negro race welled up, Americans began to understand something of the spiritual quality of the contribution the Negro race had to make to American culture.

Dr. Johnson was both a leader of the Negro race and an interracial interpreter at a period in which the Negro was moving "into the main stream," to quote the title of one of Dr. Johnson's works. As a social scientist he ranked at the top of that profession. His research had helped the region in which he lived to a better understanding of its social, economic and geographical problems as well as its racial problems.

Dr. Johnson's scholarship was never touched by emotionalism as he viewed the glaring paradox of the Negro in American democracy. He persevered in the search for a common ground of understanding between the races that would cure the paradox. His own notable career and the universal recognition it won at many points offered the evidence that the paradox he attacked can be overcome.

Dr. Chas. S. Johnson Of Fisk Dies Suddenly

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (SNS) — Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University died from a heart attack Saturday evening in Louisville, Kentucky, it has been disclosed. It is reported that the president was on his way to New York at the time to attend a meeting of the Fisk University Board of Trustees. Dr. Johnson is said to have left his train during a brief stopover in Louisville to buy a magazine. He collapsed on his way back to the train.

He was rushed to the Louisville General Hospital but died within a short time after arrival. He was 63 years old.

Dr. Johnson gained an international reputation as an educator, author and leader. He lived to become one of the outstanding men in the field of race relations, and was the first Negro president of the internationally known university.

A native of Bristol, Va., the distinguished educator was a graduate of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., and continued his education at the University of Chicago.

A noted sociologist, he conducted research and investigations for several agencies, including the Chicago Union League, Carnegie Foundation, and Chicago Commission on Race Relations.

He joined the Department of Social Science at Fisk in 1928 and was elevated to the presidency in 1946.

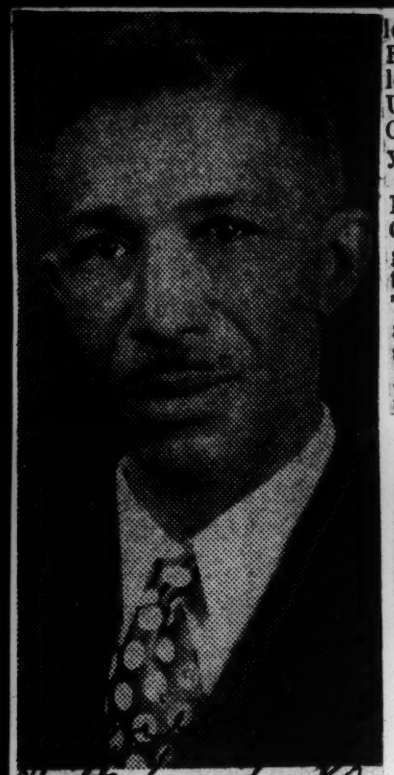
The dean of the university left Nashville Saturday night enroute to Louisville to claime the body.

There were no indications that the president was ill at the time he left Nashville for New York.

As an author, Dr. Johnson lived to become one of the most famous in his field.

Only recently, he was named to a top advisory post by President Eisenhower. He was considered one of the outstanding living sociologists and contributed enormously to the advancement of his profession.

Among his books were Negro in American Civilization, Slavery and Forced Labor in Liberia, Negro Housing, Shadow of the Plantation, Statistical Atlas of Southern Counties, Patterns of Negro Segregation and others.



Deceased—

Dr. George W. Harvey, editor-in-chief of the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board, was buried in Pittsburgh following funeral ceremonies held in Pittsburgh and in Nashville. Dr. Harvey died on Aug. 9, following a social call with his wife.

Dr. Harvey, chief NBC editor, dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Funeral services for Dr. George W. Harvey, editor-in-chief of the Sunday School Board of the National Baptist Convention Inc., were held Saturday, at the Spruce Street Baptist Church here.

Dr. A. M. Townsend, secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and other Nashville ministers were in charge of the services.

The Rev. Mr. Harvey, who was 58 yers of age, died Thursday evening at his home following an illness of a year's duration.

DR. HARVEY was editor-in-chief of the publishing board for 11 years. He was a native of Powellton, W. Va. and was married in 1922 to his wife, who survives him, Mrs. Viola L. Harvey.

He attended Virginia Theological Seminary and was the recipient of an A.B. degree from West Virginia State College, an A.M. degree and a B.D. degree from Oberlin College. He was a student at the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University in later years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viola L. Harvey; two sons, Charles and James Harvey; a granddaughter, Janis Harvey; two daughters-in-law, Mesdames Tony Jean and Joanne Harvey; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy M. Lewis. J. W. Adkins and associates were funeral directors.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson

Daily World

The recent passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University removes from the ranks of the powerful educators of his day, a man of profound educational stamina, a brilliant author in his own right, and one of the top authorities in things educational of his generation.

Having been born in Virginia just before the turn of the century, through his native industry and thrift, he was able to acquire such training as would fit him for one of the technical places in the field of educational demands.

While contributing his earlier years in the field of such social services as came in to fill the wide gap of the wilful alienation of people, he was later to enter into the full arena of rounding out men in the fruitage of training and the technique of leadership. To this end he was called to Fisk where he became the first of our racial group to head up that important institution.

The Alma Mater of so many tall statues on the frontier of leadership and enviable accomplishments, naturally Fisk would be firmly fixed in the eyes of the nation. Such a fountainhead in these trying times would demand in its personnel such a superb leader, organizer and financier as to measure up to those delicate and rigid requirements necessary for the holding of Fisk to her native balance.

Dr. Johnson filled this requirement and Fisk never enjoyed a more peaceful nor a more prosperous era.

After giving his best efforts and years to the cause of Fisk and Fiskites, Dr. Johnson died as he would have liked; in harness, struggling for Fisk. At the time he fell, he was on his way to New York to meet his trustees.

He literally died with his boots on, in the line of service with the honored old flag of Fisk- — warm in his hand, with staff up — and the old banner full a-float.

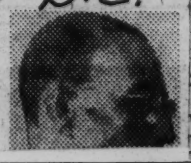
The nation, the race and liberal education lose patriot of the first water, an unselfish leader of men and a resourceful and prolific student of his time.

Funeral Slated Today For Charles P. Johnson

Post + Times Herald

Wed. 10-31-56

Funeral services for Charles Spurgeon Johnson, president of Fisk University, civil rights leader and author, will be held at 3:30 p. m. today in the University's Memorial Chapel, Nashville, Tenn. Interment will be in Nashville.



Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson, 63, died of a heart attack Saturday in Louisville, Ky. En route to a meeting of the Fisk Board of Trustees in New York, he had left the train when it stopped at Louisville. He collapsed in the station.

Mr. Johnson, the first Negro president of the interracial University, had been in that office since 1946. He had been a faculty member for 18 years prior to his presidency. As head of the 90-year-old university's Department of Social Sciences, Mr, Johnson was largely responsible for the creation of the famous Fisk Institute of Race Relations.

He had been a delegate to the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization, and ni 1946, member of an educational mission sent by the State Department to Japan.

The educator was born in Bristol, Va., son of the Rev. Charles Henry Johnson, an emancipated slave. His education was initiated by reading his father's classical and theological tomes.

The minister's son later graduated from Virginia Union University and in 1917 received his Ph. B. degree from the University of Chicago.

After serving with the Army in World War I he returned to Chicago where he was wounded in the race riot of 1919. He was appointed to the Chicago Commission on Race Relations, which he left in 1921 to become director of research and investigations with the Urban League in New York. In 1923 he founded the National Urban League's publication, "Opportunity." In 1943 he became director of the Julius Rosenwald Fund's race relations program.

Mr. Johnson held honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from a number of universities.

He was author of "The Negro in Chicago," "Patterns of Negro Segregation," "The Negro in American Civilization," and "Education and the Cultural Crisis."

He was a member of the American Missionary Association, the John Hay Whitney Foundation, the Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act, the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation, and the American Hygiene Society.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Marie Burgette Johnson; three sons, Jeh V. and Robert B. Johnson of New York, and Charles S. Johnson Jr., of Dayton, Ohio; a daughter, Patricia Clifford, Philadelphia; a brother and three sisters.

Charles Johnson Called by Death

Courier

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn. died of a heart attack in Union Station last Saturday night.

Dr. Johnson, in apparent good health, collapsed suddenly at 7:30 P. M., after he had left his train in the Louisville station to buy a newspaper. He was 63 years old.

Reports state that Dr. Johnson was en route to New York to attend a meeting of Fisk University trustees. Dr. Johnson left the train and collapsed a few moments later. He was pronounced dead while his body was being taken to General Hospital.

Dr. Johnson's sudden demise ended the long career of one of America's most noted sociologists which had begun with his graduation from Virginia Union University with an AB degree in 1917.

He began working as a director of research and investigation for the Chicago Urban League in 1917 and in 1917 studied Negro migration for the Carnegie Foundation. He was editor of Opportunity, a journal of Negro life, for six years until 1929.

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IN 1928 he became director of the department of social sciences at Fisk and in 1946 assumed the presidency of the Nashville institution.

His distinguished career took him to Paris in 1946 as U. S. delegate to the first UNESCO Conference and to Amsterdam, Holland, as a delegate to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

His Nashville home is located at 1700 Meharry Boulevard. He is survived by his widow, the former Marie Antoinette Burgette and four children.

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Successful Dentist Collapsed While Serving Patient

Death Of Popular Figure In City's Professional And Social Life Came Shortly After Delightful Trip To Jacksonville, Fla., Where He Had Visited Two Of His Daughters; Had Maintained Office In "4th And Cedar" Area For More Than 30 Years; Passing Mourned By Many

The sudden death of Dr. John T. Barnes, well known dentist, while in the act of serving a patient was one of the most shocking tragedies of its kind in recent Nashville history, and was a topic of discussion from the time it occured Saturday morning of last week, to the time of the funeral, and doubtless will be discussed for a long time to come.

It was confirmation of the words of the scripture that in the midst of life we are in death.

The news of the well known dentist's sudden passing spread over the city quickly after it occurred and there were very few of the friends and associates of the dentist who could believe that the apparently well and healthy professional man actually had gone to his reward, "in the twinkling of an eye" so to speak.

Dr. Barnes' office is within a few feet of the office of Mr. Mose Davie secretary of the colored YMCA. Mr. Davie in reporting the dentist's sudden death stated that the dentist was talking to his first patient of the day in a casual way when he was stricken and slumped to the floor. According to the patient and the office girl he attempted to talk, but within seconds as he tried to say something, life expired. It was before any medical aid could be summoned.

Dr. H. H. Walker, physician and close friend of the dentist was the first physician to reach him.

Dr. Barnes was a victim of the "world's greatest killer"—heart disease. While it had never appeared to the general public that he had a heart complaint, close friends say he, for the past two years at least, had suffered from high blood pressure.

The dentist and his wife spent the Christmas holidays in Jacksonville, Fla., where he has frequently gone in recent years. Two of their daughters live in Jacksonville. They are Mrs. Vanorian Shell and Mrs. Barbara Harper. Mrs. Shell, is the wife of Dr. W. W. Shell, a successful physician in Jacksonville.

Dentist Dies In Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dr. John T. Barnes died suddenly at his office while attending a physician. He had practiced dentistry in the city for more than thirty years.

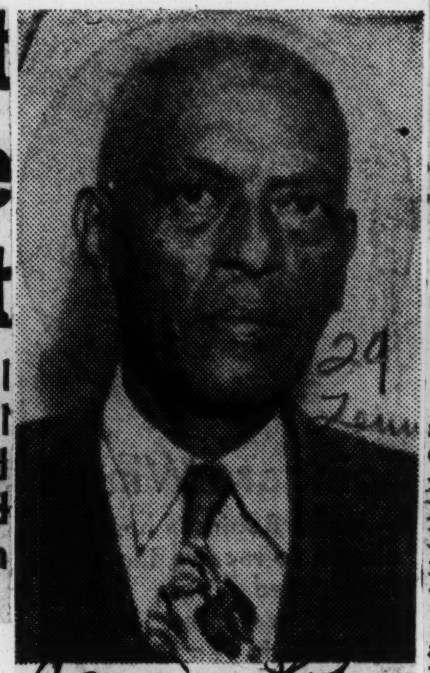
Dr. Barnes

He was a member of the Capital City Dental Society and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Dr. Barnes enjoyed a men's social bridge club which met once a week. The late Coach Henry Arthur Kean was also a member of this club. Both were stricken by heart disease.

Dr. Barnes is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maud Barnes; two sons, John T. Jr. and Calvin; three daughters, Mrs. Vanorian Shell, Mrs. Barbara Harper and Mrs. Maude E. Mitchell, and a host of relatives and friends.

—BIGGEST and the BEST—



Newsman Dies

The colorful journalistic career of Jasper T. Duncan came to an end in Charity Hospital, New Orleans. Funeral services were held in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Duncan had worked for papers in New Orleans and Memphis.

Dr. Cherry Dies In Tennessee

Word was received in Wilmington Monday that Dr. D. K. Cherry, retired dean of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn. died Monday in Veterans Hospital, Johnson City, Tenn.

Dr Cherry was an outstanding educator. Funeral services will be conducted in Knoxville, with interment in the National Cemetery there.

Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Irene Chestnut Cherry, formerly of this city. She is the sister of Mrs. Nellie C. Taylor of Wilmington. Another sister, Mrs. [illegible] T. Page, Nashville, Tenn., who spending some time there, left Tuesday via plane for Knoxville.

The Cherry address in Knoxville is 1018 College Street.

TENNESSEE

Dr. D. K. Cherry

Educator Buried in Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Dr. David King Cherry, dean emeritus of Knoxville College, were held at the First United Presbyterian Church. Dr. John Brice, interim pastor, officiated. Interment was in Knoxville's National Cemetery.

Dr. Cherry, 73, died at Veterans Hospital, Johnson City, Tenn. He had been at the hospital since having a stroke last spring. The veteran educator was born to Wright and Malinda Cherry in the farming community of Cremo, N. C.

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AMERICAN LEGION, Post 80, conducted graveside ceremonies.

The World War I captain is survived by his widow, Mrs. Irene Cherry, of the campus home; daughter, Mrs. Marie T. Williams, Chicago; six sisters, Mrs. Symers Hoggard, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Clara Cherry, Washington; Mrs. Malinda Hoggard, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Mariah Newsome, Ahoskie, N. C.; Mrs. Hattie Taylor, Windsor, N. C.; Mrs. Sallie Boone, Roducah, N. C., and two brothers, Wright Cherry, Portsmouth, N. C., and Thomas Cherry, Norfolk, Va.

W. H. Shackleford Religious Leader And Newsman Dies

William Henry Shackleford, veteran churchman and daily newspaper reporter, age 77, died Friday morning of last week at his home, 1000 Second Avenue, South.

He was rated a splendid Sunday school superintendent as well as newsman, and filled that position successfully for many years at Bethel AME Church.

A native of Selma, Alabama, he had been a resident of Nashville for the past 47 years. In 1952 he retired as dean of the Fisk University community training school, a position he had held for 23 years. He was educated at Payne University, an AME school in Selma, Ala; long associated in the religious publication business with Mr. Ira T. Bryant, here, he had been a prominent figure in many General Conferences of the AME church.

Mr. Shackleford had been ill for only about a week when the end came. He will long be remembered for the news column he wrote for the TENNESSEAN each week. He was well-known and highly respecter by people in all walks of life. By his teachings and writings he endeared himself to a great host of people.

It was stated he was a victim of low blood pressure. His passing came as a great shock to people here and will be to the members of his church throughout the nation.

Surviving Mr. Shackleford are his widow, Mrs. Mary Bell (Patton) Shackleford a native of Greensboro, Alabama; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie S. Howell of Nashville and Mrs. Fannette Grimes of Detroit; and one grandchild.

Rev. J. B. Foxall, veteran AME pastor and presiding elder conducted the funeral for Mr. Shackleford, at his late residence. Arrangements were in charge of Patton Bros. His remains were laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery.

Halliburton, Fisk Registrar, Dies Suddenly

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cecil D. Halliburton, 55, registrar and director of admissions at Fisk university, collapsed on the campus Thursday and died an hour later in Hubbard hospital.

Death was attributed to a heart attack. Funeral services will be held this week.

Before coming to Fisk in 1953, Halliburton was for three years president of Voorhees school and junior college in Denmark, S. C. He previously was associated with St. Augustine's college, Raleigh, N. C. for 20 years.

At St. Augustine's he served as professor of social science, academic dean and assistant to the president.

The registrar received his education at Lincoln university (Pa.), the University of Pittsburgh and the New York School of Social Work.

Dixie Screen Fans Curious, Mournful, At Binford Rites

When news reached the nation that Lloyd T. Binford was dead in Memphis, Tenn., the city over which he ruled as film censor so long, there was plenty mourning — some real others curious.

The curious wanted to satisfy themselves over the question just what will happen to films that include anything Sepian, scheduled to hit the screens in Memphis. While Binford lived and ruled the censor board this question was hardly necessary. Everyone knew such films had no chance to appear on a screen in the Tennessee city.

Binford banned a number of films, mostly those that presented interracial casts. He wanted to saw to it that Memphis had no part of "Til The Clouds Roll By" because Lena Horne appeared in it singing one song. "Pinkie," the pix that included Ethel Waters along with Jeanne Craine became a bore to Binford who left the censor room before screaming was over. He wanted no part of that one either for his own entertainment or for his "flock" which is what the theatre goers in Memphis proved to be under his eight year rule.

Binford aroused controversies that attracted wide attention by banning "The Moon Is Blue," "Duel in the Sun," Miss Sadie Thompson," and many others. He banned all Ingrid Bergman and Charlie Chaplin movies because, he said, he disapproved of their private lives.

Mr. Binford, an insurance agent, was appointed chairman of the Memphis board of censors in 1928 and was reappointed annually thereafter until his resignation last October. As a friend of the late E. H. Crump, city political leader, Mr. Binford rode unscathed thru storms over his strict policies as keeper of the public morals.

Other Binford-banned entertainment, and his official reasons:

"Duel in the Sun" — Dirtiest movie I've ever seen."

"Annie Get Your Gun — Negroes in the cast mingle with whites.

BURIED — Dr. Herbert L. Lang, founder and president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and who is recognized widely as a religious leader, died following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at Mount Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans, La.

Buried— Stanley B. Hemphill, 53, owner of one of the most up-to-date printing business in the South, was buried in Nashville, Tenn., recently. Many of the best printers in America learned at one time been under his tutleage.

Many Pay Tribute To Dr. Charles S. Johnson

By VICTOR GRANT BACKUS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The nation last week paid final tribute to one of the greatest educators that America has produced.

People from all walks of life and from all sections of the country filled Fisk Memorial Chapel here last Wednesday for the funeral of Dr. Charles S. Johnson. High government officials, university and college presidents, heads of foundations, well-known industrialists—the great names of the nation joined hundreds of anonymous friends of the Fisk university president in homage to the fallen leader, who died suddenly in Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 27.

Nine speakers, who had worked closely with Dr. Johnson, spoke eloquently of his national and international stature as a scholar and administrator, of his humanitarianism and devotion to his fellowman, of his service to his nation and his race, and of his friendship.

Voicing the silent testimony of those who filled the flower-banked chapel were Leonard M. Rieser, Chicago attorney, who heads the Fisk trustee board; William J. Trent, executive director of the United Negro College Fund; Thomas Elsa Jones, former Fisk president whom Dr. Johnson succeeded in 1946; the Rev. William J. Faulkner, former dean of Fisk chapel; Fred L. Brownlee, former Fisk provost; Louis P. Clark, president of the university's alumni association; Prince Rivers, student council president; Harry H. Hill, president of Peabody College here, and George N. Redd, Fisk dean.

Matching the tributes of the speakers were telegrams and letters to the bereaved family numbering in the thousands.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote Dr. Johnson's widow, "I know you must take pride, as do I and millions of Americans, in Dr. Johnson's great contribution to our country."

Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for the presidency, wrote, "As a scholar and administrator he contributed immeasurably to the great advances in tolerance and mutual understanding which have occurred in recent decades."

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, wired, "His sudden passing is an irreparable loss to the entire nation."

Ralph J. Bunche, UN undersecretary, said, "His nation and his race have suffered a sore loss at the very time when his qualities of wisdom, reason and unfailing courage are most needed."

Henry R. Luce, president of Time-Life, Inc., wrote, "I pay tribute to him as a great man."

John Hay Whitney, president of the Whitney Foundation, wired, "His contribution to the world was truly great."

Among the messages from presidents and heads of foreign nations is one signed simply, "Gillie, his barber." It reads, "I am sincerely grieved by the passing of my friend." It indicates eloquently the regard in which Charles Spurgeon Johnson was held by all who knew him, both great and small.

Charles S. Johnson's death is lamented

By DEAN GORDON HANCOCK For ANP

CHICAGO — The death of Dr Charles S. Johnson fills serious students of national and international affairs with profound concern. His passing takes from the current scene one of the finest minds of the day and one of the finest characters.

He was a great man and a ripe and productive scholar whose influence was felt in the uttermost parts of the earth.

There are today many who claim the distinction of being scholars, because they have attained unto high degrees of formal education; but it must be borne in mind that the mere attainment of high academic degrees does not guarantee that one should be ranked as a scholar.

The distinction of being a scholar rests upon the creativeness of the mind rather than upon the attainment of formal degrees.

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THE MOTIVATION of this release is hinged upon the fact that in the matter of formal learning, the woods are literally filled with men and women whose formal degrees will excel Dr. Johnson's; but there are only a few colored persons of the world who could equal Dr. Johnson in creative scholarship.

We find any number of colored students who can find fault with the writings of white men on the color question; but we find few who can controvert as Dr. Johnson did on scientific grounds.

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IN FACT it is going to be a fine thing for the colored race when we have more scholars who can by their very scholarship productions refute the misrepresentations of prejudiced whites through the press.

We are suffering today from a great lack of creative literature written in refutation of the malignments and slanders too generally current in the literature of the times.

The life and labours of Dr. Johnson prove that high degrees are not always essential to ripe scholarship.

After he finished from Virginia Union with an bachelor of arts degree, Dr. Johnson betook himself to the University of Chicago where he did not even take a master of arts degree, but a bachelor of philosophy degree, the equivalent of a bachelor of arts degree, from the University of Chicago, which offered such degree to such as had received a bachelors degree from another school.

But the matters of degrees was unimportant to one of Dr. Johnson's turn of mind. He had the turn of mind as a scholar and with his limited formal degrees he made a profound impression on the world of scholarship and learning of his times.

His life should be an inspiration to the great company of those who cannot boast of the finest formal degrees and a lack of these degrees should not daunt the man or the woman with the scholarly turn of mind.

CHARLES JOHNSON OF FISK U. IS DEAD

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First Negro President of School Has Heart Attack on Trip to Meeting Here

Mon, 10-29-56

Special to The New York Times.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 27—Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University here, died of a heart attack Saturday night in Louisville, Ky. He was 63 years old.

New York

Dr. Johnson was on his way by train to New York to attend a meeting of the Fisk board of trustees. He left the train at a stop in Louisville and collapsed in the station.

Founded in 1866

Dr. Johnson was the first Negro to be named president of Fisk, an interracial university that started as a Negro institution. It was founded in 1866.

Before becoming president of Fisk, in 1946, he had been on its faculty for eighteen years. Largely through his efforts as head of Fisk's Department of Social Sciences, the nationally known Fisk Institute of Race Relations was created.

Dr. Johnson had been a delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and in 1946 was a member of a group sent to Japan by the State Department to organize the Japanese educational system.

Dr. Johnson's adult life was devoted to interpreting Negroes to whites and whites to Negroes. Not only that, he also sought to make Northerners and Southerners and country and city people understand one another.

He was born in Bristol, Va., and was the oldest of five children of the Rev. Charles Henry Johnson, an emancipated slave. The minister's former master had taught him Latin, Greek and Hebrew and English and American literature.

The minister's son, Charles Spurgeon Johnson, read many of his father's classical and theological volumes. He was graduated with a B. A. degree from Virginia Union University in 1916. In 1917 he received a Ph. B. from the University of Chicago.

Served in World War I

After having served in World War I, he joined the Chicago Commission on Race Relations. (He had been a witness at the Chicago race riot of 1919, in which 578 persons were killed or injured.)

Dr. Johnson left the commission in 1921 to become director of research and investigations of the National Urban League in New York.

In 1923 he founded the National Urban League's magazine "Opportunity," which became a major outlet for Negro expression in literature, art and music.

He joined the Fisk faculty in 1928. In 1943 he became director of the Julius Rosenwald Fund's racial relations program.

Dr. Johnson was considered one of the most profound observers of interracial matters. In an article in The New York Times Sunday Magazine of Sept. 23, 1956, he wrote of the school integration issue:

"Basically, this is a struggle today not between North and South, or whites and Negroes, or between the national and international points of view. It is a struggle between those who believe in democracy and those who do not."

Won Many Honors

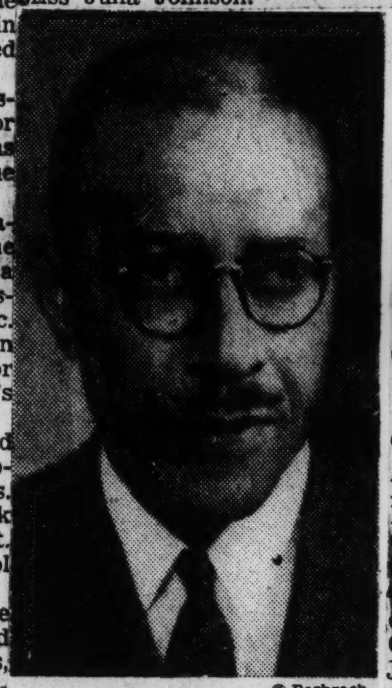
In 1952, in recognition of his work in race relations, the University of Glasgow, Scotland, awarded to Dr. Johnson an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. He also held an LL. D. degree from Harvard University and a Doctor of Letters degree from Columbia University. Howard University awarded to him its degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and Virginia Union gave him a Litt. D.

In 1930 he received the William E. Harmon gold medal for distinguished achievement among Negroes in science.

He was. the author of many books on race, culture, education and sociology. Among them were "The Negro in Chicago," "Patterns of Negro Segregation," "The Negro in American Civilization" and "Education and the Cultural Crisis."

He was a member of the American Missionary Association, the John Hay Whitney Foundation, the Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act, the President's Commission on Health Needs of the Nation and the American Hygiene Association.

He is survived by his widow, the former Marie Antoinette Burgette; three sons, Charles Spurgeon Jr., Dr. Robert B. Johnson and Jeh V. Johnson; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Clifford; a brother, Maurice Johnson, and three sisters, Mrs. Lily Epps, Mrs. Sarah Hawks and Miss Julia Johnson.



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Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson

Dr. Charles Johnson, Fisk U. Head, Dies

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Collapses in Louisville R. R. station

Sat. 11-3-56

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, 63, president of Fisk University, are scheduled to be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. from the Fisk University Chapel.

Dr. Johnson, 63, was en route home from New York City where he had attended a meeting of the University's board of trustees, when he was stricken in Louisville's Union Station.

The distinguished educator had left the train when it arrived in Louisville at 6.40 p.m. to purchase a magazine.

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DR. JOHNSON was a quiet, unassuming person who neither boasted nor complained about his quantity of service or his burden of responsibility.

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HE FELL as he approached the station's newsstand. Rushed by ambulance to the Louisville General Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Physicians attributed his death to a heart attack.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marie B. Johnson; three sons, Dr. Charles S. Jr., of Dayton, Ohio; J. E. H. Johnson, a graduate student in architecture at Columbia University; and Robert B. Johnson of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, New York.

Also one daughter, Mrs. Maurice Clifford of Philadelphia, and two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Epps of Richmond, Va., and Miss Julia Johnson of the faculty of the Cotton Valley School, Tuskegee, Ala.

Dr. Johnson was born in Bristol, Va., on July 24, 1893. The son of a Baptist minister. He did his undergraduate work at Virginia Union University where he received the bachelor's degree in 1917.

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The following year he was awarded the Ph. B. degree by the University of Chicago.

In 1952, he had th edistinction of being awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by the University of Glasgow, Scotland, the first honorary degree conferred by the 500-year-old school on a colored American.

Afro-American

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY conferred the doctor of laws degree in 1947 and in 1948 Harvard University awarded him the dotor of laws degree.

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ONE OF the nation's foremost sociologists, he has been called on by thre epresidents to serve on various national and international commissions.

Presidet Hoover appoited him as the United States representation on a League of Nations commission of three men to study labor conditions in Liberia.

President Truman appointed him in 1946 as one of ten American delegates to the first session of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris.

He also attended the second session in Mexico City in 1947.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER named him as the only member of color on the National Manpower Council, which had its chief concern full utilization of the nation's labor resources.

He was a member of the American Commission of 20 educators sent to Japan in 1946 ao the request of General Mac Arthur to advise on the reorganization of the educational system of that country.

In 1946, he was appointed as president of Fisk University, the first man of color to hold this post. He succeeded Dr. Thomas E. Jones.

Under his administration, Fisk has added four new buildgymnasium, basic college house, Scribner Hall and Park Hall, four new faculty homes and an art gallery.

The endowment of the university has been increased by a million and a half dollars and the educational budget alone was increased from $220,495 to $369,484.

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HIS EMPHASIS on scholarship resulted in Fisk being accepted by the American Association of University Women, Phi Beta Kappa, the Rhodes Scholarship Trust and Phi Mu Alpha, the nation's foremost music honorary society.

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HE WAS appointed in 1948 as a member of the President's Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act and in 1952 made a seven-week tour of Europe in connection with this work.

He has also served as member of the White House Conference on Children in Democracw and consultant on minority problems for the children's bureau. He was a member of the President's Commission on Health Needs of the Nation.

Dr. Johnson was generally credited for UNESCO's first program for social science development and was selected as rapporteur of that organization's first session in Paris.

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IN ADDITION, he has served as director of the Race Relations Division of the American Missionary Association and co-director of the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

He was past president of the Southern Sociological Society, member of the executive committeeof the Southern Regional Council, vice president of the American Hygiene Association, and director of the American Cancer Society.

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DESPITE THESE and many other activities, he was able to find time to write 18 volumes on racial and Southern problems.

He founded "Opportunity," which became the official organ of the National Urban League, which he edited until 1929.

In addition to numerous other published articles and speeches, he also contributed an essay series in the American Education Yeafrbook on "The Cultural Context of American Education."

He was awarded the William E. Harmon gold medal for distinguished achievement among colored Americans in science in 1930.

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He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Baptist church the National Urban League, director of the Southern Reporting Service and the American Association for the United Nations.

In addition, he was member, National Advisory Council, American Christian Palestine Committee; member, American

Citizen's Committee for Economic Aid Abroad; member, American Civil Liberties Union; vice - chairman, American Committee for Cultural Freedom, Inc..

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Also member, Committee on Research and Training in Government in the South; council member, Council Against Intolerance in America; chairman Countee Cullen Memorial Scholarship;

Also director, Institute of Ethnic Affairs; Vice-chairman of the National Board, National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.; member, research Committee, National Society for Crippled Children and Adults;

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ALSO MEMBER, Advisory Council, National Student Association; Trustee, Mary Church Terrell Fund; member, Executive Committee, United Nations Day; member, Speaker's Bureau, United Nations Association;

Also member, executive Committee, Tennessee Education Congress; member, Intergroup Relations committee; member, Council of Advisors, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Advisor, University of Oslo Summer School; Sponsor, Torchlight Productions; Director, Southern Education Reporting Service; and Director, National Urban League.

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Members of the family said Dr. Johnson was in apparent good health when he left Nashville. He had no previous history of heart trouble.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held Wednesday in the Fisk university chapel.

Dr. Johnson was elected president of Fisk university in 1946, the first of his race to serve the noted institution in that capacity. He had been associated with Fisk since 1928 as director of the Social Science Department and professor of sociology.

DR. CHAS. S. JOHNSON
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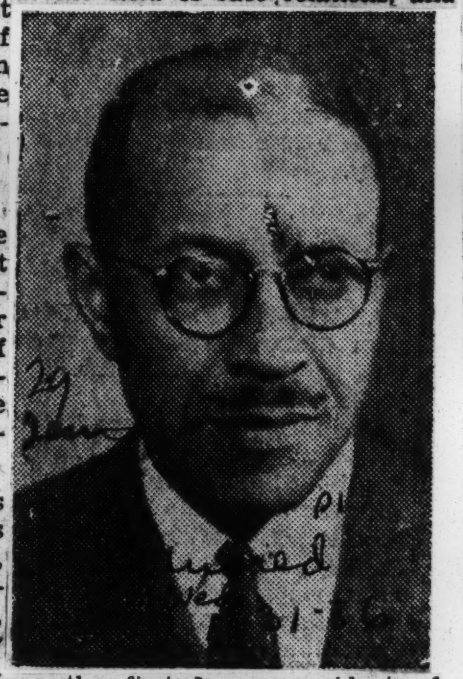

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SURVIVORS

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FISK PRESIDENT WILL BE BURIED TODAY AT 3:30

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (ANS) — Funeral services for Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University will be held this afternoon at 3:30 P. M. (CST) on the university campus where the

of America was permanently ormond, Va., and continued his education at the University of Chicago.

A noted sociologist, he conducted research and investigations for several agencies, including the Chicago Union League, Carnegie Foundation, and Chicago Commission on Race Relations.

He joined the Department of Social Science at Fisk in 1928 and was elevated to the presidency in 1946.

The dean of the university left Nashville Saturday night enroute to Louisville to claime the body.

There were no indications that the president was ill at the time he left Nashville for New York.

As an author, Dr. Johnson lived to become one of the most famous in his field.

Dr. Chas. Johnson, President, Dies Suddenly

Special to Journal and Guide

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk university, died here of a heart attack Saturday night.

The internationally known educator, sociologist and author was stricken in Union Station and pronounced dead on arrival at Louisville's General Hospital.

DR. JOHNSON, who was 63, 63-year-old educator served many years.

AS PRESIDENT of Fisk, Dr. Johnson brought the university to a position of national and international eminence. This was his central interest in life. He was the author of 18 books and more than 70 articles. Many books and articles have also been written about Dr. Johnson.

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BRIEF STOPOVER

It was during a brief stopover in Louisville when Dr. Johnson had the attack. Witnesses said he left his coach on the train to pick up a magazine from a newsstand at the Union Station in Louisville. He collapsed and was rushed to the Louisville General Hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival. There had been no previous report of illness by Dr. Johnson.

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Dr. Johnson's Passing Is Loss to Education

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, able president of Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn., is dead at 63 of a heart attack and the South and its educational structure have suffered a grievous loss.

Dr. Johnson was born in Bristol, Va., the son of a slave. His father's master had been a man of great education and he saw to it that this was available for all those on his plantation. His father, though a slave, became fluent in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and English literature. The son carried on in the same tradition and death ended a career which long before had attained national attention.

He had made Fisk's department of social sciences one of the better known in the nation. Many honors came to him, and many were his publications. One of the last he wrote, an article for the Sunday Magazine of the New York Times, was on the present school problem. In it he said:

"Basically, this is a struggle today not between North and South, or whites and Negroes, or between the national and international points of view. It is a struggle between those who believe in democracy and those who do not."

He spent much of his life interpreting Negroes to whites and whites to Negroes; South to North and North to South. He also was aware of the clash between the rural and urban areas and had done much work in that field.

He was a valuable man and the South and nation are the poorer without him.

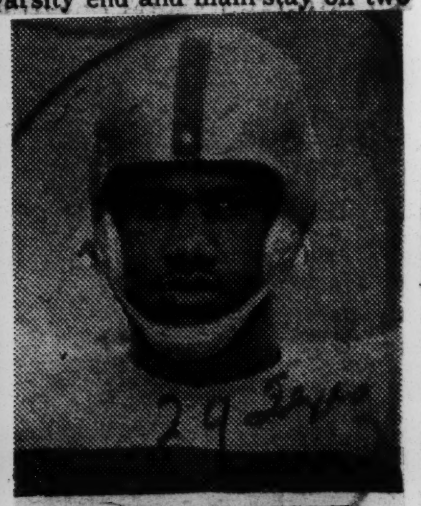
Former Grid Great Charles Wright Dies

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex.—Funeral services for Charles Wright, 24, former athletic great at Prairie View A. and M. were held Saturday in Port Arthur, his home town.

The 24-year-old three time Courier All-American end died of a heart attack early this week in Fort Hood, Tex., where he has been stationed since joining the service last January.

WRIGHT HAS been described as one of the greatest all-around athletics in Prairie View history. Wright played all sports winning letters in football, basketball, baseball and track.

His greatest achievements were on the gridiron where he was varsity end and main-stay on two



CHARLES WRIGHT

national championship teams at Prairie View in 1954 and 1955.

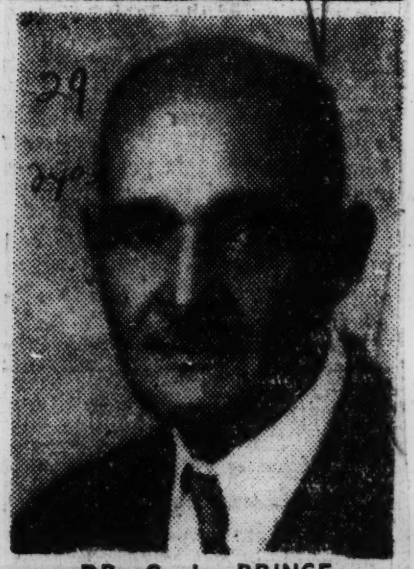
After college, Wright had a brief stay with the Chicago Bears. After being released by the Bears, he accepted a coaching position at Woodson High School in Abilene, Tex., where he served until being called into the armed services. He stood six feet four inches, and weighed 210 pounds.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Charles Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Marjorie Adams, all of Port Arthur.

Death To Dr. G. L. Prince

Was President Of National Baptist Body

GALVESTON, Texas — (ANP) — Dr. Greene L. Prince, president of the National Baptist Convention of America passed away at his



DR. G. L. PRINCE

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A native of Texas, Dr. Prince had been engaged in the ministry most of his life. Efforts failed to dissuade him from running for re-election at the last convention because of his failing health.

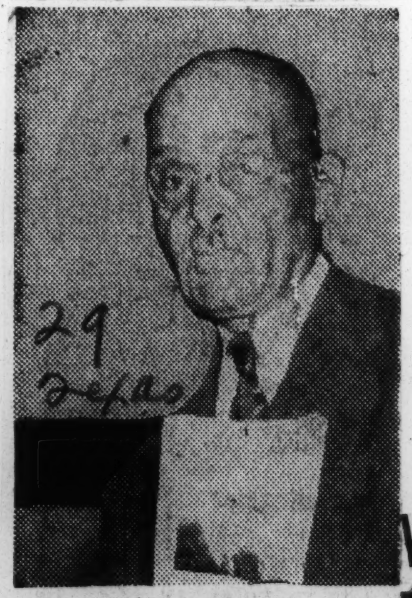
His twin brother, Rev. S. R. Prince of Fort Worth, Texas for many years president of the General Baptist Convention of Texas, died last year.

Dr. Prince's death came just a few weeks after he had given the "nod" to Dr. A. A. Lucas of Fort Worth to succeed him as president of the national Baptist group.

At the 63rd annual session of the Missionary Baptist General convention of Texas held early in November in Fort Worth, Dr. Prince indicated that he was going to "step down" and that he nted Dr. Lucas to beome the w president.

Dr. Prince told his fellow Baptists that he realized at his advanced age, the load of the presidency was getting too heavy for him.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Galveston.



DR. PRINCE

Dr. Prince, Baptist Leader, Dies

GALVESTON, Tex. — Dr. Green L. Prince who has been president of the National Baptist Convention of America for the past 23 years, died at his home Thursday at the age of 86.

Slated to head the two-million member Baptist organization is Rev. C. D. Pettiway of Little Rock, Ark., first vice president of the convention. Dr. Prince although in failing health was re-elected to the presidency during the denomination's September annual meeting in Richmond, Va.

Funeral rites for the octogenarian were held Tuesday (Dec. 4) in the city auditorium here with clergymen and churchmen from a over the nation attending and participating.

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DR. G. L. PRINCE

Veteran Executive And Pastor's Funeral To Be Held Tuesday

Dr. Henry A. Boyd and Rev. S. H. Simpson Among Local Leaders Who Will Attend Funeral In Galveston, Texas

DR. G. L. PRINCE IS DEAD!

The President of the National Baptist Convention of America for more than twenty years passed away at his home in Galveston, Texas, at approximately four o'clock Thursday morning of this week. The news was received by his long-time associate in the Baptist ministry, Dr. Henry A. Boyd, as The GLOBE was going to press.

Dr. Prince was one of the several Prince brothers, who have been so widely known in the ministry in Texas and other parts of the nation, as great preachers.

In the more than twenty years that Dr. Prince has been President of the National Baptist Convention of America, the organization has grown tremendously, and leaders of the Convention have for the most part of the time re-elected Dr. Prince to his post as President, unanimously.

It was only natural and quite understandable that other stalwarts

of the denomination have aspired to the Presidency at times, but the majority has regularly manifested a disposition to keep the noted Texan at his post, indicating that they would do this until Dr. Prince himself felt that his declining health made it advisable for him to throw off the cares of his office.

Mrs. Prince sent a wire to Dr. Boyd announcing the death of Dr. Prince. She stated that the funeral will be held in Galveston, Tuesday of next week. The noted leader was pastor of Avenue L Baptist Church, and was greatly loved by his large congregation.

Full arrangements for the funeral had not been made at the time the GLOBE went to press. It is certain that they will be elaborate, as is customary when one of the great public figures like Dr. Prince "Crosses The Bar."

It is reported that Dr. Boyd and Rev. S. H. Simpson, both native Texans, will attend the funeral, and probably go by air plane. Other leaders from all parts of the country, both men and women, will attend.

Dr. Greene L. Prince, Baptist leader, dies

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Mrs. Barco, Supervisor for 33 Years, Passes

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Sat. 4-7-56

BLACKSTON, Va.—Mrs. Ruth cker Barco, supervisor of ele- ntary schools in Nottoway nty, died Wednesday, March She had been on duty during day, an was apparently the tim of a heart attack. Funeral rvice was held at Shiloh Bap- t Church in Blackstone on Sat- day, March 24, at 1:30 p. m. A native of Richmond, Mrs. rco was the daughter of Lee d Mrs. Mary E. Jones. She s a member of Ebenezer Bap- t Church in Richmond, but s active at Shiloh during her ay in Blackstone. She served supervisor in Nottoway 33 ars, and contributed much to e development of the boys and ls and teachers in the county d state. She helped also at chers training institutions in state.

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MRS. BARCO was one of the ding civic, educational and igious workers in the county. e was held in such high es- m by the division superinten- nt and the members of the ool board that the schools oughout the county closed for alf day Friday in honor of her mory.

She did her normal work at the mstrong normal school in chmond. She earned her A. B gree at Hampton Institute. She constantly studied to keep a- breast of development in her profession.

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SURVIVING are two daugh- ters, Mrs. Inez E. Braxton of Norfolk, and Mrs. LaVerne Lee, of Hartford, Conn., two sons-in- lae, Earl Braxton and Dr. John W. Lee: one sister, Mrs. Inez Clarke; two brothers, Robert L. and Julian P. Jones both of Richmond; five grandchildren and other relatives.

Interment was in Evergreen cemetary, Richmond, The Rev. T. A. Lacy, pastor of Shiloh, and Dr. E. E. Smith, pastor of Ebe- nezer Baptist Church, Richmond officiated.

MRS. RUTH T. BARCO
Mourned

Dr. A. C. Johnson, Civic Worker, Physician, Dies

Journal & Guide Sat. 5-5-56
Norfolk, Va.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Dr. A. C. Johnson, of 124 Key road, Truxton, retired Ports- mouth physician, died Thursday, at 3:45 a. m., in Maryview Hos- ital, after an illness of more than five years.

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Funeral services were held Saturday, at 12 noon at Zion Baptist Church, with the pastor, Dr. U. G. Wilson, officiating. In- terment was in Richmond, his native home. Arrangements were handled by the Fisher Fu- neral Home.

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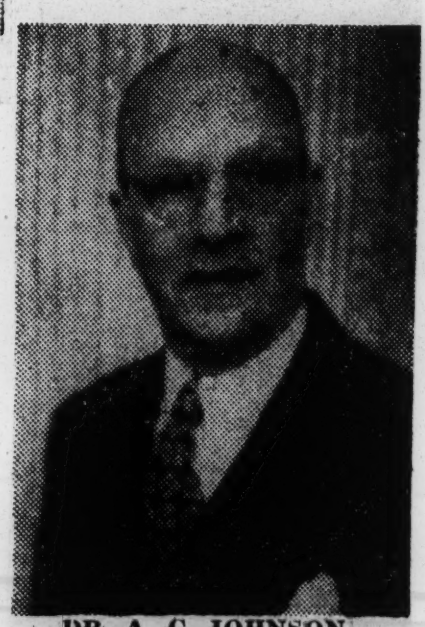
DR. JOHNSON had practiced in Portsmouth since 1919. He was stricken in January, 1950, and had been a shut-in since that time. He had been a hospital patient a little more than a week prior to his death.

The veteran physician at- tended Howard University and was graduated from Leonard



DR. A. C. JOHNSON
Dies

Medical School, Raleigh, N. C. Before coming to Portsmouth. he practiced in Penniman, Va. dur- ing the influenza epidemic of World War I.

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AT THE TIME he was strick- en ill, he was president of the Portsmouth Medical Society. He was also the grand edical di- rector of the Knights of Pythias, and held membership in Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 102, A. F. and A. M.; Eureka Lodge of Elks; Frontiers of America and the Sons of Virginia.

He was chairman-emeritus of the trustee board of Zion Bap- tist Church and formerly sang in the church choir.

Dr. Johnson was prominently identified in civic and communi- ty affairs and was the first Ne- gro to aspire for a councilmanic seat in Portsmouth, having en- tered the race in 1936. Alert to the value of modern trends in the medical practice during his long career, he did post-gradu- ate work in the Richmond Medi- cal Center and in New York City.

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SURVIVING ARE, his widow, Mrs. Lila Johnson; a daughter, Mrs. Gentelia Johnson Wright, of New York; a sister, Mrs. Ro- berta Jackson, of New York; two nephews, four nieces, and other relatives.

Dr. Johnson's death is the sec- ond to occur within the ranks of well-known veteran Portsmouth physicians within the past two weeks. Dr. A. R. Pugh died April 16 in Hot Springs, Ark., where he had gone for his health. His funeral rites were held last Sunday at Emanuel AME Church.

Sheridan Jackson Jr. was insurance exec.

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Sat. 4-28-56
Baltimore Md.

RICHMOND

Impressive funeral services for Sheridan Jackson Jr., who died in a local hospital on April 10 after a lingering illness, were held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Friday with the Rev. E. E. Smith, pastor, officiating.

The choir sang, "My Days Are Gliding Swiftly By" and Mrs. Lillie J. Epps sang a solo. The congregation joined in the sing- ing of the favorite hymn of Mr. Jackson's "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The funeral oration was de- livered by the Rev. Mr, Smith based on "The Gift of God Is Eternal Life."

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C. B. GILPIN, secretary of the Richmond Beneficial Insurance Company, paid an eloquent trib- ute to his fallen comrade.

He stressed the esteem in which Mr Jackson was held by his workers in the company, the Federal Life Insurance Company of Washington, of which he was a member of the directorate and auditor; and the National In- surance Association.

Active pallbearers were mem- bers of Captial City Lodge 107, Masons. The honorary pall- bearers included the board of directors of the Richmond Bene- ficial and the Federal Life In- surance Companies, representa- tives from the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company, Southern Aid Life Insurance Company, Virginia Mutual Benefit Life In- surance Company, North Caro- lina Mutual Life Insurance Com- pany, the Astoria Beneficial Club, Iota Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and the Ebenezer Baptist Church, all organizations which Mr. Jackson served as an officer and in- fluential member.

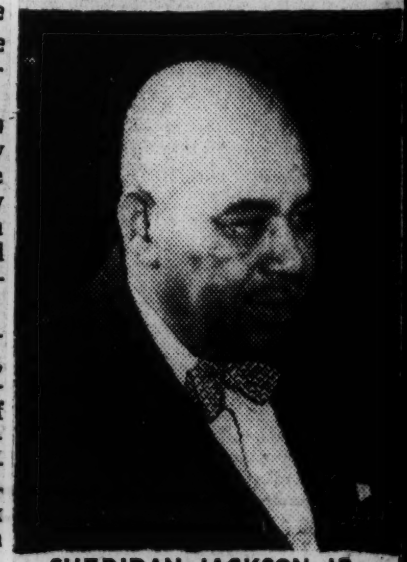
FOR THE PAST two years, Mr. Jackson had served as vice president and home office super- intendent of the Richmond Bene- ficial. He was one of the organi- zers of the Federal Life Insur- ance Company.

Mr. Jackson took an active part in the affairs of the National Insurance Association and held many important assignments in that organization.

He was also active in the civic, political, and religious life of Richmond, to which he always made substantial contributions in services and gifts.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, one daughter and other relatives.

Mr. Gilpin summed up this use- ful life in his closing remarks, when he said "Jack was a Chris- tian gentleman."



SHERIDAN JACKSON JR.

Charles Ferebee, Mail Carrier 30 Years, Dies

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Sat. 5-5-56
Norfolk Va.

Charles S. Ferebee, who resided at 708 Chapel street passed at his home Monday evening, April 23, about 6:50. Funeral service was held Thursday, April 26, at 1 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church. The rector, Archbishop Richard B. Martin, officiated.

Mr. Ferebee suffered a slight stroke on May 21, 1955, and was a hospital patient for four days. After he was released he slowly recuperated at home, and by last August he was able to get around in the house and later would go out for a short walk or ride.

MR. FEREBEE

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HE HAD A relapse on Wednesday, April 11, due to a gastric attack. He overcame this condition, but continued to get weak until he passed.

Mr. Ferebee attended public school in Norfolk and Norfolk Mission College. He joined St. John AME Church some years ago where he played in the Sunday school orchestra and was a Sunday school teacher.

Later Mr. Ferebee joined Grace Episcopal Church. He was a member of the choir and the Men's Club at Grace Church.

IN HIS YOUNGER days, Mr. Ferebee was active in the civic and religious life of Norfolk. In those years he was a member of the Philharmonic Glee Club. He was a member of the Hiawatha Social Club, the oldest and one of the outstanding men's clubs in the city.

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He was a letter carrier in the city for 30 years, retiring in 1940. He was employed by the Journal and Guide on Sept. 9, 1942, and retired on May 1, 1949. He worked in the advertising department at the Guide as a collector, but during his stay with the company he had at times other duties to erform.

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MR. FEREBEE is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nannie Jordan Ferebee; one son, Dr. Claude T. Ferebee of White Plains, N. Y., who has his dental office in New York City; two daughters, Mrs. Maxine F. Burrell, who is a clerk at Lott Carey School, and Mrs. Constance F. Jones, English teacher at Booker T. Washington High School; two grandsons, Claude T. Ferebee, McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla., and Laurence F. Jones, Norfolk; one granddaughter, Miss Sylvia Yvonne Burrell, Norfolk; two great grandsons at Tampa, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Miss Eliza B. Jordan, Norfolk, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery with B. F. King Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ex-Va. Union Prexy Buried

Defender P. 1
Chicago, Ill.

RICHMOND, Va. — (ANP) — Funeral services for William J. Clark, churchman, educator and president emeritus of Virginia Union university, were held here last week.

Sat. 7-14-56

Dr. Clark was president of Virginia Union university from 1919 to 1941. He was the university's last white president.

James O'Kelly, Crash Victim, Is Eulogized

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Norfolk, Va.

RICHMOND, Va. — Funeral services for James O'Kelly social woker, who was killed in an automobile accident were held recently here at Third Street Bethel AME Church.

The Rev. P. H. Walker, pastor of the church, officiated. Others participating in the funeral were the Revs. O. D. Brown, Second Baptist Church, pastor of Mr. Kelly's widow, Mrs. Phyllis O'Kelly; Y. B. Williams, pastor of First African Baptist Church, and E. M. Frazier, former director of the Interdenominational Religious Work Foundation, Inc.

JAMES W. O'KELLY
Mourned

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Mr. O'Kelly was killed when the car in which he was riding and another car in which several sailors were passengers crashed head on near Richmond on U. S. Highway 301 about eight miles north of the city.

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A NATIVE of Raleigh, N. C., Mr. O'Kelly had been a social worker at the Richmond Social Bureau since 1951. Each Christmas he played Santa Claus to thousands of underpriviliged children at the District Theaters. He was held in high esteem by members of the bureau and all the people whom he served. Mr. O'Kelly, who did graduate work in psychology at North Carolina College at Durham, served for a while as principal and teacher in Durham county.

Mr. O'Kelly attended the Raleigh public schools and Shaw University high school and college. He also attended Howard University and for a while worked as mechanical dentist at Raleigh, N. C. He taught at Lumberton, N. C. Lilesville, N. C.' and also was case secretary at Bloodworth Street Y. M. C. A. Raleigh, where he built the Boy's Program.

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HE WAS AN active member of St. Paul A. M. E. Church in Raleigh, and when he moved to Richmond joined Third Street Bethel A. M. E. Church. He became teacher of the Men's Bible Class in Raleigh and steward. In Richmond he was at one time superintendent of the Sunday School. At the time of his death, he was assistant superintendent and teacher of the Bible Class at the latter church, as well as a steward.

Sat. 7-28-56

In addition to his widow who is superintendent of the Janie Porter Barrett School for Girls at Peaks Turnout in Hanover county, Mr. O'Kelly is survived by several other relatives.

The body was sent to Raleigh for burial.

Dr. E. W. Murray Dies At Home After Long Illness

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Sat. 8-4-56
Norfolk Va.

NORFOLK, VA.

A lingering illness, which began with an attack December 23, 1955, finally led to the death of long-time Norfolk physician, Dr. Edward Washington Murray at his home, 2516 Virginia Beach blvd. at 8:45 Thursday morning.

Dr. Murray, who had been practicing medicine for some 51 years—26 of them in Norfolk — was head of Norfolk Community hospital's eye, ear, nose and throat department. His private practice office was located at 1017 Church street.

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THE VETERAN DOCTOR'S educational experience included study at Biddle University, which later became Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.; Meharry Medical College, and further study at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic and the Illinois Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic.

For a time he worked on the staff of the Wilson Foundation hospital, and the Providence hospital, both in Chicago.

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DR. MURRAY, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, also held membership in the Norfolk Medical Society and in the National Medical Association.

Funeral service for the Norfolk doctor will be held Saturday 1 p.m., at St. John AME church, with the Rev. J. R. Johnson officiating.

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INTERMENT WILL be in Calvary cemetery. Graves Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Surviving Dr. Murray are his wife, Mrs. Thelma Murray; three daughters, Miss June Murray, Miss Thelma Murray, both of Norfolk, and Mrs. Louisa Moone, Jersey City, N. J.; a son, Edward W. Murray, Jr.; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Pinkney, Detroit, Mich.; and a half-brother, William Murray, of Norfolk.

DR. E. W. MURRAY
Succumbs

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Edward Palmer, Hampton Sociologist, 39, Succumbs

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Norfolk, Va.

HAMPTON, Va. — Dr. Edward N. Palmer, professor of sociology at Hampton institute, died Thursday night at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D. C. He was 39 years old.

Sat. 8-18-56

Dr. Palmer, an authority on race problems, was born in Wilberforce, Ohio, and received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Talladea college in 1936. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1937 with a master of arts degree and was awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1945 from the same university.

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THE SOCIOLOGIST was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta. National Honorary Sociological society; Phi Delta Kappa, Honorary Educational fraternity; and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was a Julius Rosenwald Fellow from 1940-1942 and a Research Fellow at Fisk university in 1937-38.

Dr. Palmer contributed articles to the American Journal of Sociology, the American Sociological Review, Sociology and Social Research, the Yearbook of American Labor and the Journal of Negro History.

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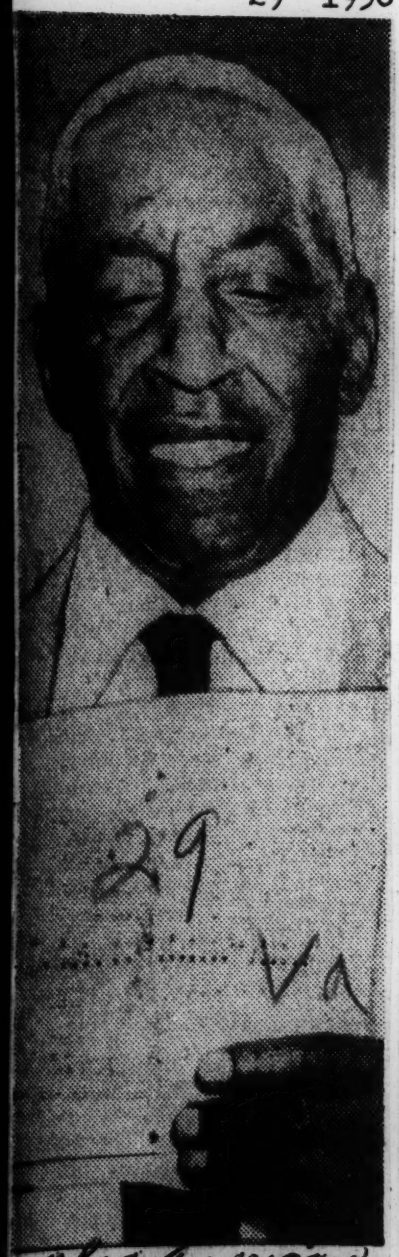
DR. PALMER taught at Fisk university, Howard university, and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical college before coming to Hampton institute. He was an exchange professor at Willimantic State



JOSEPH MATTHEWS

Joe Matthews, musician, dies

RICHMOND

Joseph Matthews Sr., whose life formed a chapter in the history of American music, was buried Tuesday after rites at Fifth Street Baptist Church, the Rev. C. C. Scott, pastor.

He had served as director of the senior choir of the church for more than 50 years.

Mr. Matthews died Saturday night at his Richmond home, 1302 West Cary St.

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HIS STATURE as an authority on the spiritual mode of American musical expression came from his creative work with the Sabbath Glee Club, which he formed in 1912.

After eight years of labor, the group began to scale the ladder of musical greatness.

The Sabbath Glee Club, a group of never more than 30 voices, was the vocal expression of the director's love and reverence of the spiritual.

Although he could not write music, he arranged all songs for the group with a feeling which brought out the most beautiful, and tragic meaning, of the unique spiritual expressions.

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MUSIC PERSONALITIES of international repute recognized his genius. Walter Damrosh and Sigmund Spaeth visited him in Richmond.

After seeking his advice on spirituals, Marian Anderson asked him to arrange, "Go Down Death and Bring My Servant Home."

FOR 30 YEARS, Pierre Key's yearbook has listed the Sabbath Glee Club, attesting to the high regard of its work.

Following the first national recognition in the early 20's, Mr Matthews led his group in singing for the National Folk Festivals.

Although in failing health for several years, he directed the church choir as late as last month and last spring conducted a concert with the group in White Sulphur Springs, West Va.

Mr. Matthews was 72 at his death and had retired seven years ago as an employee of the Federal Reserve Bank here.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Queenie Matthews; two sons, Joseph Jr. and Carl; a daughter, Miss Grace Matthews, and a daughter-in-law Mrs. Marion J. Matthews, all of Richmond.

Dr. L. D. Blaney buried in Va.

RICHMOND

Dr. L. D. Blaney, of 1300 DuBois Ave., died Thursday, March 1 at his residence.

Dr. Blaney had been practicing medicine for 45 years. He had been ill only seven days.

He was a member of Sharon Baptist Church.

Dr. Blaney is survived by his wife, Mrs. Richetta S. Blaney, two daughters, Mrs. I. E. Foster, Mrs. Counes Johnson; one stepson, Dr. E. B. Singleton, of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Miller of Annapolis, Md.; one niece, Mrs. Mabel Jackson of Staunton, Va.; other relatives. Funeral was held Sunday March 4, at Sharon Baptist Church. The Rev. H. W. Washington officiated.

DR. L. D. BLANEY

tion of "ecclesiastical ethics." "ministerial courtesy," and "common courtesy," in minds of church laymen who have learned of the strain between the two prominent ministers.

What official action, if any, Mr. Lee plans to take in the Baptist Ministerium of Philadelphia and Vicinity, was not stated.

He said however that "he will not attend the birthday party, Saturday."

The Rev. Mr. Watts declined comment on the situation.

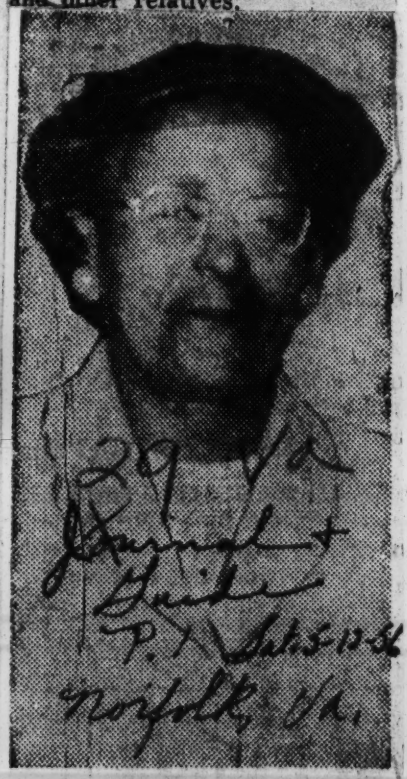
B. E. Minkins dies at Hampton

HAMPTON, Va. — Funeral services were held March 14 for Bickford E. Minkins, 83, head of the Hampton Institute planing mill for 59 years.

An 1891 graduate of the college, he was an active member of Queen Street Baptist Church, of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

THE REV. GEORGE S. RUSSELL officiated at the ceremonies. Lodge brothers, Hampton colleagues and fellow church workers were pallbearers. Interment was in the Hampton Institute Cemetery.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Bettie V. Minkins; a daughter, Miss Frances Minkins; a brother, George M. Minkins, all of Hampton; a sister, Mrs. Georgia H. Albouy of Charlottesville, and other relatives.



Victim

Mrs. Lucille Overby, 62, Kenbridge, Va., school teacher for 29 years, was slain by youths who sought money to "go north" last week.

Police who are holding two of her ex-pupils in connection with the death claim they have received a confession.

Huge Throng At Last Rites For Slain Teacher

Special to Journal and Guide

KENBRIDGE, Va.—In the "biggest funeral we've had here in a long time"—according to a veteran local resident, Mrs. Lucille Overby was buried after impressive funeral rites last Sunday.

And in what a veteran peace officer told the Guide was "the most brutal case I've ever worked on", the 62-year-old school teacher was bludgeoned to death here Friday allegedly by two of her former students who "wanted money to go to New Jersey."

Mrs. Overby, who was a teacher in Kenbridge Training School for 29 years, was gruesomely beaten and her lifeless body thrown into a reservoir early Friday morning. Samuel and Russell Thomas, 18-year-old cousins, two of her former students, have been arrested on charges of murder in connection with the slaying. Officers told the Journal and Guide that a confession has been made in the case.

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MRS. OVERBY, described by the local police chief as "one of the most outstanding colored citizens in the area," was found dead in the reservoir on the nearby Fort Pickett military reservation early Friday morning just after she arose from her bed to do what she reportedly thought was to be a mission of mercy.

Chief J. Slater told the Guide that at about 3 a. m. Friday morning, two youths went to the house where Mrs. Overby, a widow, lived alone. Feigning illness, one of the two asked Mrs. Overby to drive them home. She agreed to do so and had gone as far as a fork in the road near where the Thomas cousins live when the true purpose of the pre-dawn visit became known.

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ONE OF THE pair hit the woman with his shoe, according to the police chief. And the pair then drove the car down another moad where they used shoes and a bottle to beat the elderly woman insensible, according to information given the Guide.

"It looked like somebody had stuck a pig," Chief Slater said of the spot where the youths last attacked Mrs. Overby.

Dr. Andrew Pugh, Of Portsmouth, Succumbs

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Sat. 4-25-36 P. 5
Norfolk, Va.

Dr. Andrew R. Pugh, prominent Portsmouth physician, with offices at 200 Effingham street, died Monday, at about 6 p.m., in a Hot Springs, Ark hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Pugh had motored to Hot Springs where he was to undergo medical treatment, having left Portsmouth on Good Friday, March 30. Members of his family were informed that his condition became critical shortly after they reached Hot Springs and that he was taken to the hospital where he succumbed.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were held from Emanuel AME Church Sunday afternoon and burial followed in Lincoln cemetery, Portsmouth.

A native of Vanceboro, N. C., Dr. Pugh was a graduate of Meharry Medical College. He had practiced in Portsmouth since 1927. He held membership in Emanuel AME church.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Pugh is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. June Pugh Wilson, now of Fort Eustis, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Fannie White, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Lela Green, of Vanceboro, and Mrs. Willie Green, of Brooklyn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

DR. ANDREW PUGH
Passes

Mrs. Bettie Joyner Dies In Capital; Rites Held

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Sat. 5-19-36
Norfolk, Va.

EMPORIA, Va.—Mrs. Bettie Sudie Joyner of Emporia died in a Washington hospital recently after a long illness which had made her an invalid during recent years. She had lived in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Viola Oliver, in Washington for the past three years.

Mrs. Joyner was intensely interested in public education where she gave her best years. Only one month before her passing, she received a medal and a certificate award from the Southampton County Teachers Association for her 25 years of service.

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SHE WAS A graduate of the college department of Hampton Institute, having earned her degree after rearing and educating six children.

She was the daughter of the late William and Lucy Lewis. She was the widow of the late Richard E. Joyner, who was the brother-in-law of Former Congressman Henry P. Cheatham of North Carolina and mother of the late Dr. W. D. Joyner.

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FUNERAL services were held at St. James P. E. Church on May 1 where the deceased held her membership. The services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas Smith Jr.

Burial was in the family cemetery in Southampton county.

Mrs. Joyner is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Anna Deal, Emporia; Mrs. Sudie M. Bradley, Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. Viola Oliver, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Eunice Jones, New York; two sisters, two brothers, eight grandchildren, and other relatives.

Charlottesville Afro-American dentist buried

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Sat. 5-19-36

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Funeral services for Dr. J. A. Jackson, a prominent dentist here for 40 years, were held at First Baptist Church with the Rev. B. F. Bunn officiating.

Born in NYC, Dr. Jackson was reared in Petersburg. He graduated from Howard University Dental College in 1913 and married his surviving wife the following year.

Baltimore, Md.

AMONG THE many organizations to which he belonged, he was secretary-treasurer of the National Dental Association for the past 24 years and treasurer of the Old Dominion Dental Society for 25 years.

The prominent dentist was also active in the Masons, Elks, Boy Scout work, church and civic organizations.

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SURVIVORS are his wife, Mrs. Otelia L. Jackson; five sons, John Jr., Hackensack, N.J; Alden, Charlottesville; Ellwood, Washington; Dr. G. Franklin Jackson, Lynchburg; and Dr. E. N. (Punjab) Jackson, Charlottesville.

Also two daughters, Mrs. L. Love Wright, Charlottesville, and Mrs. Gloria Washington, Orangeburg, S.C.; and 12 grand children, two nephews and one niece.

Charlottesville Dentist, Dr. J. A. Jackson, Dies

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Sat. 5-19-36
Norfolk, Va.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Dr. H. A. Jackson, Charlottesville dentist for over 40 years, died at his farm home, "Maple Springs", Monday, April 30. Though not confined to his home, Dr. Jackson had been ailing for some time. He died while seated in the kitchen of his home awaiting lunch.

He was born in New York City in 1888, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson, but spent most of his boyhood in Petersburg, Va. A year after his graduation from the Dental college of Howard University in 1913, he married his surviving widow, Mrs. Itelia L. Jackso .

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HE ORGANIZED the first Troop for Negro Boy Scouts in his city and was chairman of the troop committee. He was a Mason, an Elk, and past Patron of Monticello Chapter 43, Order of Eastern Star; trustee of First Baptist church, president of the Men's Bible class, member of G. P. Inge Men's club of that church. He was a Board member of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter, American Red Cross, Community Chest, Children's Service Center, and a member of several honorary societies.

Dr. Jackson was also secretary-treasurer of the National Dental Association for the past 24 years, and treasurer of the Old Dominion Dental Society for 25 years.

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SURVIVORS ARE besides his wife, five sons, John A. Jackson, Jr. of Hackensack, N. J.; Dr. E. N. "punjab" Jackson, dentist, Charlottesville; Dr. G. Franklin Jackson, dentist, Lynchburg; Alden W Jackson, Charlottesville, Ellwood Jackson, Washington, D. C.; two daughters, Mrs. K. Love Wright, Charlottesville, and Mrs. Gloria Washington, Orangeburg, S. C.; twelve grandchildren; two nephews, Welford and Andrew Epps, New York; one niece, Mrs. Geraldine Garrett Fisher, Atlanta, Georgia; four daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, and a host of relatives.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church with the Rev. B. F. Bunn officiating.

Interment was in Oakwood cemetery with J. F. Bell Funeral Home in charge.

MRS. BETTIE JOYNER
Mourned

Bury Ex-Va. Union Pres. At Richmond

World P. 5
Sat. 6-30-36
Birmingham Ala.

RICHMOND, Va. — (ANP) — Funeral services for William J. Clark, churchman, educator and president emeritus of the Virginia Union University, were held here last week at Bennett's Funeral Home. Burial followed in Westhampton Memorial Park.

Dr. Clark, who died here at his home June 17, was president of Virginia Union University from 1919 to 1941. He was the university's last white president.

A native of Albion, Neb., he was a graduate of California College and Newton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Clark was a former missionary for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and served in Burma until 1909 before holding pastorates in Vermont and later in Florida.

He came to Virginia Union from St. Cloud, Fla., and for a while served as professor of church history and theological instruction. In 1919 he was elevated to the position of president of the university.

Dr. Clark was made president emeritus on retiring in 1941. The university honored him with a doctor of divinity degree in 1927. He was succeeded as president of Virginia Union in 1941 by Dr. John M. Ellison, the first Negro president of the university.

The survivors are the widow, Mrs. Daisy Clark; a daughter, Miss Marion Elmore Clark; three sons, Melbourne L., Robert William and Wendell J. Clark, all of Richmond; a sister, Miss Elmore Clark of California, and five grandchildren.

Jamaican Head Of Agriculture Dies At 49

By WILBERT E. HEMMING

KINGSTON, Jamaica. — (ANP) — The young man who rose from the humble position of truck-hand or sideman to become Minister o Agriculture, Jamaica, has died.

Product of once depressed people, Isaac William Augustus Barrant, 49, became in 1944, a member of the Jamaica House of Representatives in the Bustamante regime, then rose meteorically like his political Jamaica Labour party chief, Sir Alexander Bustamante to fame, fortune and office.

This week as he died, the country's periodicals looked back on his honest efforts and pronounced him a shining example of the ambitions residing in the humble but opportunity-starved coloured populace.

From the cane fields of the most easterly parish of Jamaica, came Mr. Barrant when, Britain by a turn of conscience, relieved in 1944, the coloured laboring people from colonial stagnacy. It was the granting of universal adult suffrage, and Mr. Barrant came out of obscurity with that surge for political freedom.

He was elected to the island's parliament and though of limited learning, was selected Minister of Agriculture, a post of services which he fulfilled with entire satisfaction of the country.

When he took ill a few days before he died, his colleagues thought he was ducking a parliamentary inquiry which Norman Manley's government had instituted to test his conduct in the legislature.

Barrant in his fearless characteristics had slapped a graft charge against one of Manley's party members; the charge seemed groundless, and Manley's majority in the House of Representatives, named a committte to probe Barrant's conduct.

The committee should have had its second sitting on the day Mr. Barrant was admitted to hospital; the meeting was postponed, so the parliamentarians jeered that Barrant was dodging. A day later hospital doctors announced his death.

Said Manley surprisingly: "We shall all miss him."

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WEST VIRGINIA

J. C. Love, Attorney, Dies

Defender P. 1

Chicago Ill

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Atty. Julius C. Love, well-known civic leader, died July 1 after a long illness.

Sat. 7-14-56

Born in Waterbury, Md., May 10, 1877, in a Methodist parsonage, Love, was educated at Howard university, where he took his bachelor of arts degree in 1910 and his bachelor of laws degree in 1913.

He had practiced here since 1917.

He was a trustee of Simpson Methodist church for more than 30 years, and headed the largest Men's Bible Class in this section.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Love, and two brothers, Dr. William Love, a physician of Kansas City, Kan., and Bishop Edgar A. Love of the Baltimore Area of of the Methodist church.

DANIEL W. (DAN) TRAVIS

Daniel Travis, Afro journalist, dies in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE — Daniel W. (Dan) Travis, veteran newspaperman died at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Wood, Wis., Tuesday morning, Nov. 27.

Funeral services were held at the Soldiers Home at Wood, with burial following in National Cemetery there.

Mr. Travis was connected with the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers for a period of 10 years as distributor, reporter and advertising representative.

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HIS WEEKLY COLUMN, "Milwaukee Mirror," was a source of news and inspiration to the local population and covered local, civic and other activities throughout the city and state.

In and out of his role as a newspaperman, Mr. Travis earned for himself the reputation of a fearless and persistent crusader and was credited with making a worthwhile contribution to his community.

Although there are no known relatives of the deceased, he had made thousands of friends as he labored here, most of whom attended the funeral services.

The arrangements were in charge of the O'Bee Funeral Home, 617 Walnut St.